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## Gorbachov to extend test moratorium

Moscow (AP) — Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Kremlin leader, said yesterday he was extending until January 1 the unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing that he began more than a year ago.

Speaking on national television and radio, Mr Gorbachov challenged President Reagan to sign a treaty banning all nuclear testing this year at a US-Soviet summit.

"This event would undoubtedly be the main real outcome of the meeting, a considerable step on the way toward ending the arms race," Mr Gorbachov said.

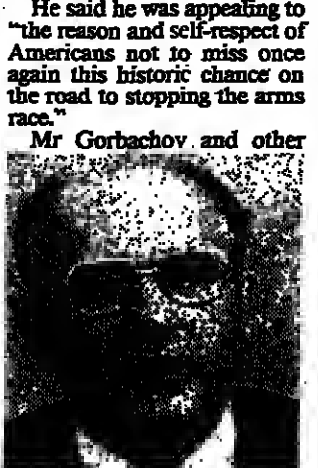
The Soviet Union began its testing moratorium on August 6, 1985, and extended it twice. It was to have expired this August 6, the 41st anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

But Mr Gorbachov said the ruling Politburo had come to the decision to prolong the testing ban with difficulty and made it despite the "tone of alarm" it found in letters from Soviet citizens who were worried the moratorium was hurting national security.

"And so comrades, weighing all pros and cons, guided by a responsibility for the fate of the world, the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Government took a decision to prolong the unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing until January 1, 1987," Mr Gorbachov said.

He called the decision "as much political as military. In taking this step, we believe that people in all countries of the world, political circles and the international public will correctly evaluate the long silence on the Soviet nuclear test ranges."

He said he was appealing to "the reason and self-respect of Americans not to miss once again this historic chance on the road to stopping the arms race."



Mr Gorbachov and other Soviet officials have made the moratorium a central issue in pronouncements on arms control, hinting that an agreement to curtail testing could help the two sides reach an agreement on a date for the next US-Soviet summit.

Mr Gorbachov's speech was noncommittal on the question of a summit. The English-language version provided by Tass said only that the "Soviet Union is confident that agreements on ending nuclear testing can be reached speedily and signed already this year."

Mr Gorbachov and Mr Reagan have exchanged letters on arms control, but the Soviet leader made no comment on the most recent message from Mr Reagan, which he received in late July.

In a speech on July 28, Mr Gorbachov said Mr Reagan's stand on space weapons would determine in large measure his next step.

WASHINGTON: The US yesterday reiterated that an American nuclear testing moratorium "is not in our security interests nor that of our friends and allies" (Molins All writes).

The State Department spokesman said this at his daily press briefing about an hour before the Moscow speech of Mr Gorbachov.

## Links with estate agent ruled out



Miss Lambert who turned up yesterday, and Mr Hanson, who police wish to interview

## Missing secretary is found unharmed

MISS Sarah Lambert, the London secretary who was feared to have been a second victim of the man responsible for the disappearance of Miss Susannah Lamplugh, was found yesterday tired, confused but unharmed on a Hampshire railway station.

Last night London police travelled to Basingstoke police station to collect and talk to Miss Lambert, aged 26, who vanished on Friday after setting out to meet a man calling himself J Simmons.

She had been hired to work for his company and believed she was on her way to a working weekend at a Buckinghamshire hotel but the couple never arrived.

Police said last night that they had ruled out any link between the disappearance of the girl last weekend and the case of Miss Lamplugh.

Yesterday, on the second day of a nationwide hunt for Miss Lambert, London officers were about to issue details of Joseph Michael Hanson, aged 41, who they wanted to interview about her disappearance when the news came that she had been found.

Scotland Yard said last night: "We are still anxious to trace Mr Hanson who from inquiries may be the man with Sarah over the weekend." Police have appealed to hotel owners in the south of England to come forward if they have any information.

The search ended shortly after 3pm yesterday when Miss Lambert telephoned the garage near Devizes where her mother works. She told the employee who answered the telephone where she was and rang off.

The man recognized the voice and alerted Wiltshire police who contacted their colleagues in Basingstoke. They found Miss Lambert.

The search for her had been intense because the description of "J Simmons" matched in some measure the description issued several weeks ago for a "Mr Kipper" who is thought to have abducted Miss Lamplugh, a west London estate agent, after making an appointment to see a Fulham house.

Yesterday police said that Miss Lambert's cash card had been used twice over the past few days.

## Pretoria names 8,501 detainees

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government yesterday told Parliament in Cape Town that 8,501 people were detained under the state of emergency. It is the first official tally of detainees.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, tabled a 171-page document with the detainees' names but no other information. It is presumed they are all still in detention, and that the list does not include people held for a while and released.

Parliament resumed its 1986 session yesterday after a two-month adjournment. In law, the minister was required to report to Parliament within 14 days of the state of emergency being declared on June 12, but the previous sitting ended before that period had expired.

In a separate development, the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs published draft legislation yesterday, entitled the Mines and Works Amendment Bill, that would make it possible for blacks to become fully fledged miners for the first time.

Blacks are prohibited from obtaining a "blasting certificate", the basic qualification for the top category of job in the mines. The Bill would open this category to "competent" people of all races.

Sources in the Chamber of Mines, the employers' organization, and the black National Union of Mineworkers said yesterday they were concerned about small print in the draft Bill, which might give

## Campus cash is linked to reforms

By Lucy Hodges  
Education Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has made it plain to the universities that he is more likely to obtain extra funding if they agree to a package of reforms which show that they are putting their house in order.

He is hoping to agree an "action plan" with the vice-chancellors and the University Grants Committee (UGC) during September.

Discussions have already begun between his officials and the universities about a package of agreed reforms in four areas, in advance of the battle over public spending.

The universities will be expected to show evidence of reform in academic standards and appraising the performance of lecturers; financial management and monitoring; the preparation of performance indicators by which universities may be judged; and the rationalization of departments which are too small or weak.

## Stalker faces police action

By Peter Davenport

A confidential report into Mr John Stalker, the suspended Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, is believed to recommend disciplinary action on up to 11 counts.

It was understood last night that, at the end of his nine-week investigation Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, reached the conclusion that there was sufficient evidence for disciplinary action against Mr Stalker on 11 separate counts.

Those involve the alleged misuse of police vehicles on five occasions, associating with known criminals and five instances, during his long friendship with the Manchester businessman Mr Kevin Taylor, including a holiday they shared aboard Mr Taylor's luxury yacht off America in 1981 and four social functions they subsequently attended together.

Throughout the investigation Mr Stalker, aged 47, has insisted that he has given full and satisfactory explanations of all the incidents on which he has been questioned and that he saw no reason why he should not be returned to work.

The decision, however, rests with the 44 members of the Greater Manchester Police Authority. They must decide whether to allow Mr Stalker back to his desk or to formulate formal charges against him.

Tomorrow the Labour-controlled Greater Manchester Police Authority will receive summaries of the report before deciding Mr Stalker's immediate fate at a special meeting on Friday, chaired by Councillor David Moffat.

If the matter does go to tribunal then Mr Stalker has the ultimate right of appeal against any decision it may make to the Home Secretary.

Last night Mr Stalker said that if the report were accurate about Mr Sampson's recommendations then he was both "disappointed and very surprised."

He added: "I emphatically deny that I have done anything wrong or that I have knowingly mixed with known criminals. I also deny, as has been suggested, that I had previously been warned about my behaviour."

Mr Stalker said he was anxious to be allowed a personal hearing with members of the police authority before they reach any decision.

## Tomorrow

### Stalin's legacy



Harvest of sorrow: how Stalin's genocidal decisions affected the Soviet leadership to this day

### The third degree

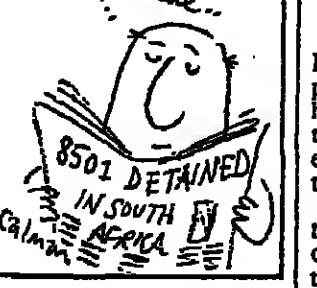
Graduates in industry: how the head-hunters assess the high-flyers

### Portfolio

There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, treble the usual amount as there has been no winner for the past two days.

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There will soon be more people inside Britain than outside.



## Colonel killed

A Spanish Army colonel was killed in the Basque town of Villareal when gunmen shot him in a restaurant.

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## Protesters win nuclear round one

By Staff Reporters

Protesters yesterday claimed victory in the first round of their battle against exploratory work at three of the four sites earmarked by the Government as potential underground nuclear dumps.

Local men, women and children massed at each of the sites where work was due to start yesterday — South Killingham, near Grimsby; Fulbeck Airfield, in Lincolnshire; and Elstow, near Bedford — to block access to the test areas.

At each of the sites, soil engineers and contractors' vehicles turned back when confronted by the protesters.

The demonstrations were peaceful and police made no attempt to intervene.

Nirex, the Government's nuclear waste agency, has drawn up a test programme for four sites in England with the aim of establishing their suitability as locations for an underground dump needed to accommodate low-level waste from the country's nuclear energy industry.

Residents fear, however, that there could be long-term risks to both humans and agriculture from such a site. Similar protests to yesterday's have been promised at the fourth test area at Bradwell.

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## Freighter's position questioned

By Frank Johnson  
Bonn

The West German sea captain accused of abandoning more than 150 Tamil refugees off the Canadian coast is believed now to be falsifying his ship's position so as to give the impression that he was never anywhere near Canada.

In a radio-telephone interview at the weekend, Herr Wolfgang Bindel told the West German radio station Norddeutscher Rundfunk that he was in the area of Casablanca. Checks carried out by the German telegraphic authorities, however, suggest that at the time of the conversation he was off the Azores.

If he were near Casablanca it would have been consistent with his claim, which he made to the radio station, that he never crossed the Atlantic and that, on leaving Germany, he had been bound for Dakar.

To reach Dakar, on the westernmost tip of Africa, he would sail near Casablanca. It is considered here not to be impossible that he might, for some reason, also pass near the Azores on such a voyage. But his presence in that area is thought more likely to mean that he was returning from a voyage across the Atlantic.

Herr Bindel told the radio station that he never had any Tamils on board his vessel, a coastal freighter, The Auriga. He has not denied, however.

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## Fall in shop spending

The Government's finances were in better shape last month than City analysts had expected. The Government repaid £226 million of its borrowing. Details page 15

## Woman with rabies is put on ventilator

By Jill Sherman

Doctors confirmed yesterday that a British woman is seriously ill with rabies in the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth.

The hospital said last night that the woman, aged 45, an expatriate holidaying with her sister in Portsmouth, was on a ventilator machine. She is understood to have been bitten by a dog about six weeks ago in Lusaka, Zambia, where she lives.

It is the first reported case of rabies in Britain since 1981, and in the past 10 years there have only been eight other cases, all fatal. In each case the disease was contracted abroad, usually from dog bites. No one has caught the

## Praise for brave victims of 'savage mountain'

By Michael McCarthy

The deaths of two of Britain's best climbers on K2 proved once again that it is the hardest mountain to conquer, the leading British Himalayan expert, Doug Scott, said yesterday.

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## Worst of all on K2 is the weather

Worst of all on K2 is the weather, said Mr Scott, who has climbed Everest. "That was what cost them their lives. The storm came at just the wrong time. They had just finished that exhausting climb and should have been getting down as fast as they could, but they were trapped. There is two-thirds less oxygen at those altitudes, so not only are you drawing on your reserves, you haven't got the fuel to generate heat. You just can't keep warm, you deteriorate very rapidly."

Mr Scott said it was noticeable that one of the two survivors, Kurt Diemberger, was a big man. "He has a lot of flesh with a lot of reserves in him. Alan and Julie were both basically rock climbers with the build of gymnasts, very fit, but without the reserves perhaps."

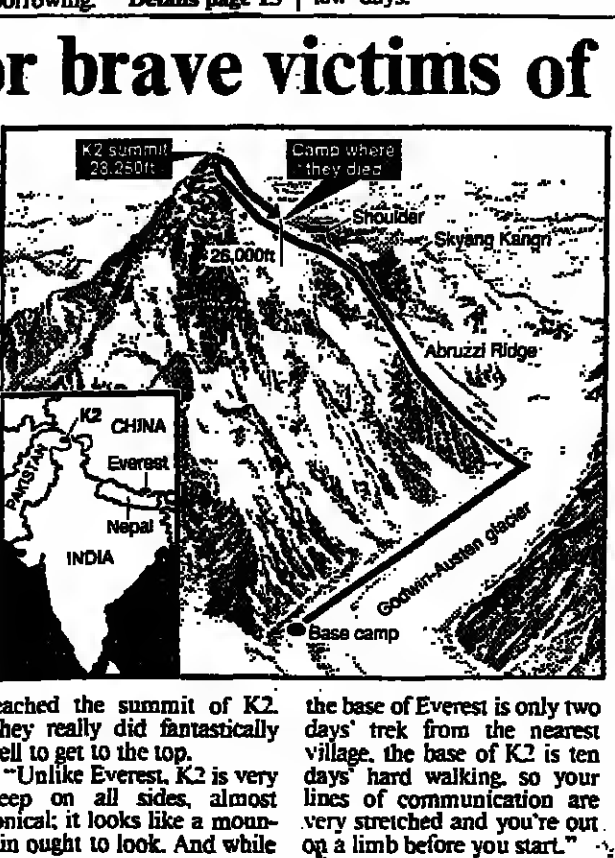
Diemberger, Mrs Tullis' long-time climbing companion, and another Austrian, Willy Pauer, arrived in Islamabad yesterday after spending the weekend in Skardu recovering from severe frostbite and exhaustion. They gave a detailed account to diplomats, saying that the storm that trapped them for five days from August 5 at 26,000 feet brought heavy snow, winds up to 90mph and temperatures of minus 30 degrees Celsius.

Mrs Tullis died peacefully in her sleep, in her tent on August 7. When the weather cleared six climbers moved down but Alan Rouse was too exhausted. On the descent two Austrians, Alfred Imtizer and Hannes Wieser, fell to their deaths. The same fate overtook the Poles, Wojciech Wroz and Dobrosława Miódowicz.

The British premiere of the play K2 by Patrick Meyers about two mountaineers trapped on the peak is to open at the "fringe" tent studio at Chichester Theatre next Wednesday.

## Reached the summit of K2

The base of Everest is only two days' trek from the nearest village, the base of K2 is ten days' hard walking, so your lines of communication are very stretched and you're out on a limb before you start.



## £120m brewery deal

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, the Edinburgh-based brewing and hotel group, yesterday agreed a £120 million takeover offer for Home Brewery, Nottingham.

Home made low profits in recent years, but it has strong assets, including 470 tied pubs, clubs and off-licences.

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# Belfast aircraft firm calls in RUC after threats to Catholics

By Richard Ford

Detectives are investigating "loyalist" threats to Roman Catholics employed by Short Brothers, the state-owned aircraft manufacturer, which is already under pressure to make its 7,000 workforce more representative of the community.

Shorts, the largest manufacturing employer in Northern Ireland, was given a warning yesterday that its very future as a company would be at risk unless it dealt rigorously with attempted intimidation of its few Roman Catholic workers.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary is trying to find out who was responsible for ripping up the time cards of seven Roman Catholics and erecting three posters claiming the employees were Provisional IRA and republican supporters.

In a statement last night the company, in which Roman Catholics number between 14 and 17 per cent, said that 24 clock cards, including seven belonging to Roman Catholics, had disappeared and been replaced by three posters had been erected by the Short's People's Loyalist Council.

"The company views this as a very sinister development with overtones of sectarian intimidation, which is a criminal offence." The statement said that the illegal posters had been removed and the RUC asked to assist the company in

finding the people responsible, who, if found guilty, would be dismissed.

The statement added: "The company deplores this recent attempt to introduce sectarianism in the workplace, with its inevitable threats to the jobs of everyone."

Mr Bob Cooper, chairman of the Fair Employment Agency which has monitored Short's employment practices, said that the future of the company, based in strongly loyalist east Belfast, depended on its success in attracting and holding Roman Catholic applicants.

"Management is responsible for creating an atmosphere at work in which both sections of the community can feel safe, free and easy and able to work in security."

Mr Cooper said that he thought one of the effects of the intimidation attempt would be to make potential employees and their families apprehensive about going to work, although he thought those Catholics already working there would recognize that the vast majority did not support this type of action.

The company has agreed with the agency an Affirmative Action Programme to try to attract more Catholics.

The attempt to intimidate Roman Catholic workers at Shorts occurs at a time of

heightened tension, when paramilitaries on both sides of the sectarian divide are issuing threats against workers.

During the weekend the bungalow, at Market Hill, Co Armagh, belonging to Mr Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, was scorch-damaged by what he believes was a sectarian attack.

The actions of the Short's People's Loyalist Council have caused concern among management and the Government for the company relies heavily on orders from the United States, with 70 per cent of its production being exported across the Atlantic.

It is known that officials in the US have been critical at the rate of progress towards equality of opportunity and the company is winning orders in the face of strong lobbying against it by Irish-American groups in America, who are critical of its employment practices.

The Short's People's Loyalist Council said yesterday that it had taken the cards only of workers who were known republicans and that innocent Roman Catholics were out at risk in the company. It said that those whose cards had been taken had themselves been involved in intimidation of loyalist workers in Shorts and at their previous places of employment.

# MPs want facts on Gurkhas' discharge

MPs are demanding a full explanation of how 111 Gurkhas came to be discharged from the Army after refusing to co-operate in an inquiry into a brawl in which two officers were injured in Hawaii.

Mr Neil Thorne, Conservative MP for Ilford South, and a member of the defence committee, said yesterday: "MPs cannot understand how all this had happened."

Mr Thorne, chairman of the British Nepalese parliamentary committee, is concerned that the Gurkhas' dismissal could damage relations between Nepal and Britain.

Nearly two weeks ago Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Conservative MP for Wealden, and vice-chairman of the backbench defence committee, wrote to Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, for an explanation.

Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, is to make a long-planned visit before the end of the month to Hong Kong during which the Gurkha incident is likely to be discussed fully.

More than 30 Gurkhas have made representations against being discharged. Some pleas have been upheld, but an unknown number of cases are still being considered.



# Spitfire flight for ace of 71

Air Vice-Marshal Johnnie Johnson, aged 71, a Battle of Britain fighter pilot who brought down 38 enemy aircraft during the Second World War, was back in a Spitfire yesterday flying over Leicestershire.

The aircraft, flown by New Zealanders in the Battle of Britain, was piloted by Mr Nick Grace, who had rebuilt it.

Johnnie Johnson's awards included the DSO and two bars, the DFC and two bars and the Croix de Guerre.

He is to open the Leicestershire International air display on August 24.



Johnnie Johnson yesterday (top) with the Spitfire in which he flew over Leicestershire, and (above) as a fighter pilot in 1944.

# Husband accused of family murder

Mr Robert Healey was remanded in custody until August 26 at Stockport Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with the murder of his wife and stepdaughter.

Mr Healey, aged 38, of Longmead Avenue, Hazel Grove, Greater Manchester, said nothing as the charges were read to him during the three-minute hearing.

Mr Healey was accused of the murders of his wife, Gretha, aged 40, and Marie Walker, aged 13, whose bodies were found in a shallow grave in North Wales on Friday. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

**Postal staff return to work**

A strike by 400 postal workers in Aberdeen over bonus payments and the use of casual labour has ended after agreement was reached with regional management of the Scottish Post Office.

Mr John Taylor, assistant secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said a worker dismissed last week for refusing to operate a system to clear the backlog of mail during a short-lived return to work had since been reinstated.

**Council may sue singer**

Roger Daltrey, the rock singer, may be taken to court after providing an alternative venue for a banned pop festival at the weekend.

Wealden council is considering a prosecution after allegations of excess noise at the festival, held on land owned by the singer at Sheepsetting Lane, near Heathfield, East Sussex. He allowed his land to be used after the organizers were banned from a site near Horam.

**Man accused of murder**

A man aged 32 was remanded in custody by Horsham magistrates yesterday charged with the murder of Mrs Henrietta Osborne, aged 86, at her home in Pimlico, south west London, last year and the rape of a girl aged 14.

The man has already spent six weeks in custody charged with raping the girl at his home in Pimlico on June 26 and on five counts of having unlawful sexual intercourse with her. He was remanded in custody until September 11.

**Severed hand sewn back on**

A boy aged 11 was recovering in hospital yesterday after half of his hand was severed in a lift and then successfully sewn back on.

Thomas Bloomfield was playing with friends at a hotel in Folkestone, Kent, when his right hand became trapped in the lift gates. Two fingers and a thumb were severed, but police packed them in ice, and the boy was taken to the William Harvey hospital at Ashford.

**Mother ends hunger strike**

Mrs Jara Backer, aged 42, who has been battling to win a grammar school place for her son, has decided to give up her hunger strike after 21 days.

Mrs Backer, of Market Street, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, started her fast after Lincolnshire County Council refused an appeal to allow her son to retake the 11-plus examination, which he failed in May.

**Prisoner on run caught**

Police have recaptured a prisoner who escaped from Cardiff jail four weeks ago, after he was seen in a city night club.

Peter Spriggs, aged 29, of Pentreban, Cardiff, was the last of three prisoners, involved in a breakout, to be recaptured.

**McGuigan on the box**

Barry McGuigan, the boxer, begins a weekly half-hour chat show with BBC Northern Ireland on September 2. He hopes to fight again but said yesterday: "I don't see why I can't talk. It is a hell of a lot easier on the face."

**Peer banned**

Lord Strauss, aged 85, a former Labour Minister for Transport, was fined £100 yesterday for careless driving at Haywards Heath, Magistrates' Court, West Sussex, he was also banned from driving or from holding a full licence until he had passed a driving test.

# Ridley attacked on extra spending cut

The Tory Reform Group this morning will launch an attack on government environmental policies in general, and on Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, in particular, for cutting proposed extra spending on housing (John Winder writes).

The group, which labels itself "moderate", is generally considered to be on the left of the party.

"The fabric of our nation is embarrassingly tatty, unkempt, and in parts, positively slum-like," Mr Iain Picton, chairman of the group, writes in its periodical, *Reformer*.

He says that Mr Kenneth Baker asked for £3.25 billion extra to spend on housing when he was Secretary of State for the Environment and that Mr Nicholas Ridley cut that amount back to £3 billion.

"He should not have cut it. He should, if anything, have increased it," Mr Picton writes.

The group points out that opinions expressed in its magazine are not necessarily endorsed by the Tory Reform Group. But the facts remain that Mr Kenneth Baker is a patron of the group and that Mr Ridley has not applied for membership.

Mr Picton writes that there are hundreds of thousands of skilled, unemployed building workers and countless companies willing to take them on if they had the work.

# Tories swoop on Labour ballot rift

By Nicholas Wood and John Winder

Conservative MPs moved yesterday to exploit the inter-union rift over Labour Party plans to salvage statutory pre-emptive ballots from its promised repeal of the Government's industrial relations legislation.

The divisions, which threaten Mr Neil Kinnock's efforts to give his party a more moderate look, have surfaced in conflicting motions for the Trades Union Congress to Brighton next month.

A left caucus led by the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Union of Mineworkers is opposing the ballots, which were pledged in a joint TUC/Labour document due for debate.

Yesterday Mr Geoffrey Lawler, former secretary of the Tory backbench employment committee, said secret ballots commanded widespread support among union members and had been a great success in protecting them against the worst excesses of leaderships.

He said that they were a significant factor in the latest figures, which showed stoppages at their lowest level for 30 years.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, secretary of the backbench finance committee, said: "There is no way the unions are going to lie down. They have spent what they look on as years in the wilderness and will expect to enter the garden — a garden of their own planting, and a garden of stinging nettles and thistles it will be."

"This law must be retained and Neil Kinnock will have to fight for it."

Mr John Prescott, shadow employment secretary, acknowledged there were "differences of points of view" between the left-led caucus and the policy set out in the document, but denied that Mr Kinnock's leadership was being undermined.

He said that in repealing the Tory legislation, "as we are committed to do", Labour was making the point that matters regarding ballots on strikes and elections of union executives would be in the rule books of unions and would require secret ballots.

He added that a resolution put forward by the Union of Communication Workers went further than the commitment given in the joint document because it would outlaw spontaneous walkouts.

Mr Ralph Howell, chairman of the Tory employment committee, said that the conflict proved that Labour, "with such people as Mr Prescott as their spokesmen, are siding with the militants in the unions against the more progressive people who recognize that ballots are here to stay".

# TNT awarded injunction

By Angella Johnson

TNT, the distributors of News International's newspapers, obtained undertakings and a High Court injunction yesterday to restrain members of the print unions Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association from illegal picketing and intimidation outside its depots.

Six members of the unions were accused of carrying out various unlawful activities at TNT's depots in Luton, Bradford and Maidstone between June and August. The allegations included intimidation, violent attacks against the company's employees and harassment.

Earlier this month Sogat '82 and the NGA gave court undertakings not to organize illegal picketing but made it clear that the unions could not be held responsible for the actions of their members.

Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat '82, and Mr Danny Sargeant, its president, have sent circulars to branches asking them to comply with the undertakings.

Mr Basford and Mr Blackman also gave similar undertakings after the plaintiff accepted their evidence that neither was involved in the attack on TNT's premises on June 24.

Mr Peter Lake, of Singlewell Road, Gravesend, Kent, was said to have been identified by a TNT worker as one of several people who damaged vehicles and buildings in the company's Theford-transport depot on July 31. He denies the charge. Miss Megan Doherty, of St. Louis Road, south London, denies being involved in an attack on the TNT plant in Bradford.

Mr Justice Hoffmann said that there were "no findings that the defendants had done anything wrong". All he was asked to do was decide whether he should grant an injunction at this stage, prior to the final hearing.

After hearing legal arguments, he then granted injunctions against Miss Doherty and Mr Lake.

# Transport union ballot complaints are upheld

By A Staff Reporter

Ballot irregularities have brought the Transport and General Workers' Union, into fresh trouble with Mr Matthew Wake, the government-appointed Certification Officer.

Mr Wake has upheld two complaints from a member of the 1,500,000-member union, but recommended that no action should be taken.

The complaints under the Trade Union Act, 1984, related to the election last year of Mr Dan Duffy as a Scottish representative on the union's executive council.

Mr Wake found that the union failed to make sure that votes at one branch were "fairly and accurately" counted, and that at the other branch the union failed to do "all that was reasonably practicable" to ensure that members were given ballot papers and an opportunity to vote.

Total membership of the two branches is 212. Mr Duffy's majority was 8,390.

Mr Ray Collins, the TGWU administrative officer, said: "The Certification Officer accepted that we have taken action that would prevent it happening in the future."

Earlier this year, in the same executive elections, returns from branches in London, the Home Counties and the Midlands were declared invalid by the Certification Officer.

In 1985 the election for a new general secretary was held again after ballot-rigging allegations. The new vote was requested by Mr Ron Rodd, who won the first poll, to remove the "cloud of suspicion." He was returned with an increased majority.

# CID chief faces charges

The head of Jersey's CID, Det Insp Charles Quinn, and Insp Barry Blenkinsop and Det Sgt Brian Follain, were arrested in the island yesterday, and charged with conspiring to pervert the course of justice.

The three detectives, who have been suspended for several months after an investigation by police officers from the mainland, are accused of fabricating evidence in the case of a man convicted in 1984 of robbing a betting shop.

In a brief court appearance, the three detectives pleaded not guilty and were granted bail.

A fourth detective has also been suspended.

It is expected that the case against the man convicted of the betting shop robbery, who has been in prison since October 1984 serving a three-year sentence, will be reopened.

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# Thatcher visits new home

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Mrs Margaret Thatcher paid a brief visit to her house in Dulwich, south east London yesterday to make final choices over fixtures and fittings before the move settles in the next few weeks.

She was accompanied by her husband. They spent about two hours looking over their £400,000, five-bedroom home.

Furniture from their old house in Chelsea will be brought in shortly. But Mrs Thatcher will continue to use her flat in Downing Street.

Mrs Thatcher has returned from Cornwall and plans to spend the rest of her break, until the end of August, supervising arrangements for the change of scene.

# Militant stronghold in Liverpool threatened

The Liverpool power base of Militant Tendency could soon be broken up by Labour Party chiefs.

The party's national executive is expected to take swift action and disband the Broadgreen constituency for allowing Mr Derek Hatton, a Militant supporter, into its meetings.

Meanwhile he is denying that a split has developed between himself and Mr John Hamilton, the moderate leader of the city council, who stormed out of their last meeting when a national party official was refused permission to address them.

Miss Joyce Gould, organizing secretary of Labour's national executive, had been trying to issue a warning about the consequences of allowing non-members into meetings. When she was not allowed in, the meeting broke up and Mr Hatton walked out.

# Rabies menace Britain safe from disease

By Jill Sherman

The third phase leads to paralysis and coma and, eventually, death.

Some people die of the disease within two or three days, while others might live up to a month.

Although there is no known cure for the disease, hundreds of people each year are treated with a course of injections which can prevent the disease developing.

Last year 463 people were given prophylactic treatment which included a vaccine and anti-rabies haemoglobin, after being bitten by animals abroad.

The Department of Health said the treatment, which involves intramuscular injections was used as a precaution. The vaccine has to be injected within the incubation period.

The World Health Organization said that although the disease has been contained in many developed countries it was still rife in the Third World.

Britain's long-standing battle against a rabies invasion uses strict quarantine laws and draconian control regulations. The campaign, so far successful, is run by the Ministry of Agriculture, which

# Prince 'missing acting'

Prince Edward disclosed yesterday that he intends to take part in plays again as soon as possible, resuming the acting he began at university.

He was speaking to the cast of youngsters after a charity performance of the musical *The Ragged Child* at the Edinburgh Festival.

It was staged by the National Youth Music Theatre and tickets cost £10. Among

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thr audience was Liberal leader Mr David Steel. Laura Fairrie, aged 12, from London, said: "The Prince told me how much he had enjoyed taking part in plays and how he was missing being on the stage."

Mr Jeremy James Taylor, the show's director, said that the Prince expressed interest in learning more about acting and directing.

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# Man accused of rape

A man accused of rape was remanded in custody until August 26 at Stockport Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with the rape of a girl aged 14.

The man has already spent six weeks in custody charged with raping the girl at his home in Pimlico on June 26 and on five counts of having unlawful sexual intercourse with her. He was remanded in custody until September 11.

# Severed hand sewn back on

A boy aged 11 was recovering in hospital yesterday after half of his hand was severed in a lift and then successfully sewn back on.

Thomas Bloomfield was playing with friends at a hotel in Folkestone, Kent, when his right hand became trapped in the lift gates. Two fingers and a thumb were severed, but police packed them in ice, and the boy was taken to the William Harvey hospital at Ashford.

# Mother ends hunger strike

Mrs Jara Backer, aged 42, who has been battling to win a grammar school place for her son, has decided to give up her hunger strike after 21 days.

Mrs Backer, of Market Street, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, started her fast after Lincolnshire County Council refused an appeal to allow her son to retake the 11-plus examination, which he failed in May.

# Prisoner on run caught

Police have recaptured a prisoner who escaped from Cardiff jail four weeks ago, after he was seen in a city night club.

Peter Spriggs, aged 29, of Pentreban, Cardiff, was the last of three prisoners, involved in a breakout, to be recaptured.

Lord Strauss, aged 85, a former Labour Minister for Transport, was fined £100 yesterday for careless driving at Haywards Heath, Magistrates' Court, West Sussex, he was also banned from driving or from holding a full licence until he had passed a driving test.

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# Briton wanted by Yard over bullion raid told to leave Costa Rica

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

John Fleming, the fugitive Briton wanted by Scotland Yard for questioning about the £26 million Brinks-Mat robbery, may be forced to return to Britain after a decision by authorities in Costa Rica to deport him.

Flights from Costa Rica normally go to Florida in the United States or to Spain, which Mr Fleming cannot re-enter because he would face, for the second time, expulsion from the country for his part in the robbery.

Trouble over Mr Fleming's passport may mean that he will have no choice but to fly to Miami and then to Britain. He travelled to Costa Rica under threat of deportation from Spain where he had lived for several years.

Other fugitives have also shown an interest in the Central American state, which has no extradition agreement with Britain. The decision to send Mr Fleming means that the country will not become a haven for fugitives.

Mr Fleming flew to Costa Rica several weeks ago as the

Spanish authorities were preparing to order him out of the country, under a new aliens Act, for passport irregularities.

The Briton, aged 47, vanished before Spanish police could interview him about his travel plans and his date of departure.

Friends of Mr Fleming, who comes from south London, told the police that they believed he had gone to Brazil and was living in Rio de Janeiro, but Scotland Yard instituted a search which disclosed his real location.

A detective from Scotland Yard's flying squad flew out to talk to the Costa Rican authorities. Last week there were talks between the Yard and local police.

Mr Fleming, who took up residence with a Spanish woman, was traced and arrested over the weekend by members of Costa Rica's Directorate of Intelligence and Security, outside a block of apartments on the outskirts of San José.

Senior Alvaro Ramos, vice-

minister for home affairs, said that Mr Fleming would be deported.

In an interview recently Señor Ramos said that the government had decided on a policy of not allowing "undesirables" to stay in the country and he had been given powers to operate the ruling.

He said that the government would not allow Costa Rica to become a haven for fugitives and they would be uncovered and expelled.

Since the Brinks-Mat robbery in 1983 Scotland Yard officers have conducted a lengthy search for the missing gold bullion taken from a security warehouse at Heathrow Airport.

Three men have been convicted for the robbery and another three for the handling of the bullion in Britain's largest modern robbery.

Last month Mr John Palmer, another fugitive living in Spain and wanted by Scotland Yard, flew to South America and was deported from Brazil. He returned to Britain and has been charged.



Ursula Dawtry feeding ducks yesterday at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, where, on August 5, she became its fourteenth and youngest heart and lung transplant patient. Ursula, aged 16, from Priory Meadow School, St Osyth, Essex, said she had never felt better.

# Freeports caught in a 'sea of red tape'

A sea of red tape is preventing Britain's six freeports from competing on equal terms with their European rivals and creating hundreds of jobs, the Adam Smith Institute claimed yesterday (Mark Ellis writes).

The right-wing research body campaigned vigorously for British freeports - specially designated duty and tax-free zones for the import, manufacture and export of goods - and in a book published tomorrow says the experiment is floundering.

H.M. Customs and Excise bear the brunt of criticism in the book *The Freeport Experiment*. Dr Madsen Pirie, president of the institute, said: "Customs and excise have not gone wholeheartedly into this business and never really accepted the experiment."

The institute says that freeports in Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Liverpool, Southampton and Prestwick in Scotland, are "engrossed in the minutiae of regulations" and labour under the most stringently applied rules in Europe.

A spokesman for the Customs and Excise Board said that the rules for freeports were rigid, but it tried to apply them efficiently.

# Riot plea man is sentenced for affray

Nigel Heath, who took part in an incident that led to the Handsworth riots, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment suspended for two years yesterday.

Birmingham Crown Court was told that he later tried to quell the troubles.

Judge James Ross, QC, said the riots had serious results but he accepted that Heath was horrified by them and had shown remorse for what had happened by helping to stop the disturbances.

Heath was arrested carrying a pool cue during fighting three hours before last September's riots began, the court was told. He was released by police the next day, when he toured the riot area with a loud hailer, and succeeded in persuading the rioters to disperse and the police to reduce their presence.

Heath, aged 32, of Regent Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, had denied the charges of affray and possessing an offensive weapon but was convicted by the jury. He was cleared of two charges of assaulting police officers.

He was also fined £50 after he admitted possessing a small amount of cannabis.

# Huge rise in GPs' defence premiums

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Doctors are facing huge increases in medical defence subscriptions because of the rapid rise in negligence claims against them and the bigger compensation awards paid to victims.

The Medical Defence Union, which represents about 80,000 doctors and dentists in Britain and is the biggest organization of its kind in the world, announced increases of up to 70 per cent in its subscription charges yesterday.

Members of the union have been sent a document explaining why the new charges are being made. It shows that the highest sum awarded in medical negligence cases has risen from £132,970 in 1977 to £679,264 this year.

The standard subscription rate for a doctor will go up next January to £576 from the present £336.

In the document, a senior barrister criticizes the "current obsession with patient versus doctor confrontations". Mr Bernard Hargrove, QC, said that this "undermines the natural trust between the parties so that more claims are made now than ever before. Some are doubtless justified but a number are either misconceived or frankly bogus".

Doctors and dentists were "bewildered" by the rising tide of damages awarded against their colleagues.

Legal aid was often provided in spite of the fragility of the case being put forward. More than 75 per cent of negligence cases reaching court were supported by legal aid, Mr Hargrove said.

The damages now payable in the case of a brain-damaged child "have escalated out of all proportion", he said. In 1970, it was possible that such a child would receive between £20,000 and £40,000 in compensation, but awards of between £300,000 and £650,000 were now common.

Mr Hargrove posed the question whether lawyers were now being "too clever by half" in extending and increasing damages "safe in the (false) assumption that there is a bottomless bucket of insurance money available".

He added: "What is certain is that an air of unreality is entering the computation of damages in medical negligence cases, and a galloping consumption of defence organization funds is occurring at a frightening rate."

# Duke to visit Holland

The Duke and Duchess of York are to visit The Netherlands on October 4 marking their first foreign engagement together.

They will attend the opening ceremony, performed by Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands, of the Eastern Scheldt flood barrier - one of the world's biggest flood prevention schemes.

# £10,000 bail for Shinwell

Ernest Harry Shinwell, aged 68, was remanded on bail to October 10, on a surety of £10,000 stood by Mr Samuel Shinwell, his brother, by magistrates at Guildhall, City of London, yesterday.

Mr Shinwell, a business consultant of Melrose Avenue, Willesden, north-west London, is alleged to have attempted to evade by deceit liability to pay £6.25 million (£4.16 million) on March 27, 1984, at the Yorkshire Bank, Chapside, City of London.

# Golf vandals

Hundreds of holes which were dug across five greens at Rhondda Golf Club, South Wales, at the weekend, caused damage put at £10,000.

# Rape victims remain silent

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

An estimated 76 per cent of raped women were too scared or suspicious to report the attack to the police, according to a *Women's Own* magazine survey.

A quarter of victims who did not go to the police said it was because they were afraid they would not be believed.

Another 17 per cent feared the police would not be sympathetic, while 21 per cent wanted to forget the whole experience.

Eight per cent could not face the thought of internal examination.

When the rapist was the woman's husband or boy friend she was more reluctant to start legal proceedings. Only 11 per cent of those raped by their husbands went to the police, and only 5 per cent raped by a boy friend, compared with 43 per cent who were attacked by a stranger.

*Women's Own* received 25,000 letters in the survey many from women of all ages whose lives have been blighted. Twelve per cent of those responding to the questionnaire had been raped, with a disturbing proportion of

juveniles attacked: 29 per cent raped between the ages of 10 and 16 and a further 14 per cent when they were under 10.

Most (41 per cent) were attacked between the ages of 16 and 24.

Equally disturbing was the proportion attacked by a relative - 39 per cent of those under 10, and 20 per cent of 10 to 16-year-olds.

Nearly all who replied (98 per cent) to the questionnaire believed that rapists were not punished severely enough, with 81 per cent wanting to see life imprisonment imposed automatically and 60 per cent in favour of castration.

Fear of rape meant that 68 per cent now never walk home alone at night, 47 per cent would not go out unless someone they trust agreed to see them home, and 52 per cent avoided using public transport alone at night.

Even at home the fear persisted. Twenty-eight per cent said they did not feel safe within their own walls. That fear of rape had become an everyday part of women's lives. Forty-four per cent said that they were constantly aware of the possibility, and a further 54 per cent said they sometimes felt vulnerable.

*Women's Own* said the re-

port would now be sent to every MP in the country, to the police and to other interested authorities.

A letter from a reader said: "The victim was my daughter, then aged eight. Even though the rape happened four years ago, she still has bad dreams. This has ruined her life, yet the man who attacked her, an ex-policeman, was fined £125 and told to do community work."

But *Women's Own* said there were indications that improved police guidelines were having some effect.

Of those who reported a rape within the past six months, 54 per cent said they were treated with sympathy.

The inevitable internal examination was also being carried out in a more compassionate way. It seems 54 per cent of victims who went to the police in the past six months did not find the examination too much of an ordeal, whereas more than five years ago only 24 per cent felt they had received sympathetic treatment.

A hearing 74 per cent of women who have not been raped said they had no doubt that if it happened to them they would report it.

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# Miscarriage woman admits taking baby

A woman who had a miscarriage pretended she was still pregnant and abducted a baby on the day she should have given birth, a Wolverhampton court was told yesterday.

Julie Williams, aged 20, who had had several unsuccessful pregnancies, did not tell her parents or boy friend when she miscarried. She took a new-born girl from her crib at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, the town's stipendiary magistrate was told.

The abducted baby, Natalie Firm, was found safe and well at Miss Williams's home in Silver Road, Brierley Hill, West Midlands.

Williams admitted unlawfully taking the baby and was remanded on bail until September 8 for medical and social inquiry reports with a condition that she resides in a secure hospital.

# Room 629 is renamed in bombed hotel

The Grand Hotel in Brighton yesterday opened its doors to its first guests since an IRA bomb exploded on October 12, 1984, killing five people attending the Conservative Party conference, and injuring 31 others (David Sapped writes).

Room 629, where the bomb went off, no longer exists; it has been substantially altered, and is now numbered 621.

Since rebuilding started 18 months ago, £11 million has been spent. About £3.7 million went on repairing the bomb damage; the rest has been devoted to giving the hotel a new and luxurious look, complete with swimming pool, nightclub, and executive rooms.

The work is not finished. Only 40 of the 160 rooms are ready for occupation. The aim is to complete the rest in time for the official opening on August 28.

# Fourteen fined at city's court for prostitutes

Fourteen women were fined a total of £940 with £780 costs when they appeared before a second "prostitutes only" court at Nottingham yesterday, but hundreds are waiting to have cases heard.

The courts were convened after a police drive against prostitution in the city's red light district.

In the first half of this year 870 women were arrested in connection with prostitution, twice the number compared with the same period last year.

Last Wednesday 10 women accused of loitering and soliciting for prostitution were fined a total of £895 with £230 costs.

The 14 women dealt with by Guildhall magistrates yesterday were fined between £50 and £210.

Afterwards some of them said that they would have to go on the streets to earn the money.

# Solicitors split on new rules

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors are divided over proposed changes to their practice rules which will enable them to be employed by banks and building societies and carry out conveyancing when the Building Societies Bill becomes law.

The draft rules, drawn up to comply with the Government's plans to extend conveyancing to financial institutions, have been attacked by the West London Law Society as bound to "ruin the livelihood" of thousands of solicitors.

In a statement in the *Law Society Gazette*, it urges solicitors to demand a referendum before any changes are made.

For the first time solicitors would be able to share fees with unadmitted bodies. These bodies "will be offering conveyancing services to the general public in direct competition with the private practitioners, who form the bulk of the Law Society's own membership," the society says.

As a result, the profession's "independence, skill and reputation, our corporate strength and discipline will be exploited by others for financial gain", and on a scale which could put many private practitioners out of business.

The society does not accept the Law Society's statement that the law will oblige solicitors to change their rules to enable them to be employed by their competitors.

Instead, the new non-solicitor licensed conveyancers, who will be able to do conveyancing from next spring after tests of competence, should service the financial institutions, the West London Law Society proposes.

The draft rules, which will also give solicitors greater freedom to advertise their services, have won the backing of the three big provincial law societies of Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester.

The changes are vital if solicitors are able "effectively

to counter the self-promotion of competitors outside the profession", and they urge the Law Society to bring in the new rules without delay. If not, they say, individual solicitors may "take the law into their own hands" and accept the essential principles of the profession, not demean its status and enhance rather than hinder its progress, the societies say.

The draft rules are attacked by two Cardiff solicitors, Mr John Loosemore and Mr Robert Parsons, who are also directors of a consultancy, Lawyers' Planning Services. They say that if solicitors want to work for the financial institutions they should come off the roll.

They urge the Law Society to "have the courage of its convictions" and make clear to the Lord Chancellor that it is not prepared to allow solicitors to be employed by banks and building societies.

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40	5,445	2,891	4,084	12,430	5,445	5,445
45	5,388	2,861	4,041	12,290	5,388	5,388
50	5,319	2,824	3,989	12,132	5,319	5,319
55	5,250	2,788	3,928	11,976	5,250	5,250
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# Students could monitor academic standards, vice-chancellors say

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A proposal that universities monitor academic standards by asking students what they think of their courses and their lecturers is contained in a report from the university vice-chancellors' committee which is due to be published this autumn.

It says that appraisal of courses by students is widely used in the United States and increasingly so in the United Kingdom. It can take the form of a questionnaire to students asking for their views on courses, degree programmes and teaching effectiveness. Universities are asked to consider such ideas.

The long-awaited report from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals on academic standards, set up in response to questions from Sir Keith Joseph, former Secretary of State for Education and Science, contains three codes of practice: on external examiners, postgraduate research, and appeals procedures for postgraduates who fail to be awarded degrees.

Three years ago, Sir Keith asked "what prospects there are for more radical changes directed to the maintenance or improvement of quality in the context of a more efficient use of resources".

The answer is the 36-page report which was strongly criticized yesterday by Reform University Law and Educational Standards (Rules), a pressure group, for not stating in detail what is meant by academic standards.

"Essentially this report is about academic standards and yet it has nothing to say about academic standards," Mr Barry Adams, secretary of Rules, said. "Standards are taken for granted."

The working group which produced the report was chaired by Professor Philip Reynolds, former vice-chancellor of Lancaster University, and contained Sir Randolph Quirk, former vice-chancellor of London University, and other eminent vice-chancellors.

The report concentrates on practices and procedures in universities for maintaining standards.

It says that the public is entitled to know that universities are up to standard, but says any scrutiny should be undertaken by the universities themselves "not only because this duty is inherent in their charters and statutes but because the task of monitoring must be so conducted as to stimulate and not to inhibit

development and innovation".

It adds: "It is difficult for this task to be performed in a way that ensures this by any except university teachers, themselves engaged in research, who are in touch with the movement and advance of knowledge in their fields."

The code on external examiners says that no university degree should be awarded unless one external examiner, from outside the institution, has taken part in the examining process.

The code on appeals by postgraduate students against degree results says that appeals are allowed in case of procedural irregularities in the examination, if there are special circumstances affecting the student's performance, or if there is evidence of prejudice or bias or inadequate assessment by an examiner.

But appeals are not allowed for inadequate supervision, because students have rights to complain about that during their course.

Mr Adams said the appeals mechanism for postgraduates was an improvement on the present position (some universities have no procedures) but it was far from being independent.



The Russian grandmaster, Anatoly Karpov, aged 35, who joined tourists on a river trip to Greenwich during a break in the World Chess Championship contest with Gary Kasparov.

## Child of 3 'locked in police cell'

Mr Mark Fisher, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, Central, yesterday demanded an inquiry after a girl aged three spent an hour locked in a police cell because her mother could not pay £2 of a motoring fine.

Karen Cartner, aged 26, of Brackenfield Avenue, Stoke-on-Trent, was issued with a warrant with bail for alleged non-payment of fines. When

she arrived at Hanley police station, Stoke, she was arrested, searched and locked up with her daughter.

Miss Cartner claims that police told her she would stay in custody until fines totalling £128 had been paid.

She scraped together £126 but it was not until Mr Brian Cartner, her father, arrived with the outstanding £2 an

hour later that mother and child were released.

Mr Fisher said: "I am contacting the chief constable immediately to demand a full investigation into what happened."

Staffordshire police said yesterday: "If anyone wants to make a complaint there are proper channels to go through. We have no comment to make at this stage."

## Energy saving: 2

# Houses designed with economy as a selling feature

Most of the 50 houses on show at Energy World at Milton Keynes from Saturday hide their energy-saving devices behind the walls of a conventional house. In the second of two articles, Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent, describes what they contain.

Dr Chris Girton, an environmental scientist, and his wife, Helen, a solicitor, who both work in London, are the first owners of one of the specially built energy-saving houses. The Lifestyle 2000 house is based on a Canadian design and is the first of its kind to be built in the United Kingdom.

The Girtons liked it because the timber-framed house has a traditional appearance, and it has a conservatory with a solar wall to provide warm air.

The main energy saving, however, is from increased insulation and draught-sealing, a heat exchange which uses the warmth from stale air to pre-heat incoming fresh air, double glazing and a condensing gas boiler.

The house measures 71.3 on the Milton Keynes Energy Cost Index, putting it well within the standard laid down for the exhibition. It is estimated that heating costs can be reduced by up to 70 per cent and energy consumption halved in the four-bedroom, three-bathroom house.

It is estimated that it could cost only £70 a year to heat.

The house which claims to be the most efficient is one of three units built by Laing Homes, with a rating of 41.9.

John Salter, marketing director, said they had not designed the house specially, as their timber and brick houses were already energy efficient. They upgraded the standard house with double glazing, and added insulation in the roof and under the floor, which halved the heat loss.

By these methods, using a heat-pump system to recover heat from air or water, and low-cost electricity, the three-bedroom house can be heated for £80 or less (an estimated £29 for water and £48 for heating).

Laing estimates that the extra equipment would add

about £3,000 to a house costing £60,000.

It would add about £1,000 to a flat costing £35,000-40,000. It seems very little for such savings. But Mr Salter points out that people still look to the price of the house, without considering the running costs.

Several of the houses use passive solar design, which provides space heating from sunlight by means of conservatories or large south-facing windows.

One is built by Constructive Individuals, which enables unskilled people to build their own home. Timber-framed, it relies on insulation and south-facing glazing for solar gain while using a high-efficiency gas boiler. The house costs £35,000 or more.

KC Developments has built a conically-shaped house, partly underground, whose form minimizes external surface while the sloping earth banks against the walls reduces heat loss.

This four-bedroom house is the most futuristic on show, with a two-storey conservatory and an underfloor heating system partially powered by solar panels. Its brick core acts both as a central structural support and a heat bank. This house is valued at more than £150,000.

Hosby, Denmark's biggest house builder, has put one of its standard houses into the exhibition without modification, achieving a rating of 79.2.

This four-bedroom house costs more than £145,000, and uses triple glazing, insulation and a heat recycling system.

Substantial savings can be made easily. A guide published by the Energy Efficiency Office, Department of Energy, estimates that heating costs can be halved by good insulation.

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## Majority 'against secrecy'

Most people want to end the secrecy surrounding information collected by public authorities, according to an opinion poll published yesterday on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the passing of the Official Secrets Act.

The survey, carried out on behalf of the Campaign for Freedom of Information by MORI, asked 1,909 people whether they would favour a freedom of information Act - subject to safeguards on national security, crime prevention and personal privacy.

Only 23 per cent oppose the idea, while 65 per cent are in favour. Men and young people are more likely to be in favour (69 per cent and 72 per cent respectively) than women and older people (62 per cent and 61 per cent).

Regional analysis shows there is little difference of opinion across England and Wales. But, at 72 per cent, the Scots are much more in favour of such an Act.

Mr Des Wilson, the campaign's co-chairman, said that 69 per cent of Conservative supporters want the Act and only 25 per cent are against it.

"All three major opposition parties support freedom of information," he said. "So do all the civil service unions, and a wide variety of other organizations."

"Now we have demonstrated conclusively that the public do as well, especially Conservative supporters. In her refusal to act, the Prime Minister is now isolated in her obstinacy."

## Visa plans provoke racial talk

The Government's consideration of the use of visas for Commonwealth visitors became a racial issue yesterday (Peter Evans writes).

The Commission for Racial Equality, already concerned about the way immigration control works, said: "We would be unhappy at further discriminatory procedures."

The visas are one option being considered to ease the problem highlighted in July by a sudden influx of Nigerians, who were forced to sleep on floors while awaiting interviews with immigration officers.

The commission said in a report last year of its formal investigation of immigration control procedures that they put at a disadvantage people coming to the United Kingdom from the New Commonwealth and Pakistan.

A spokesman now adds: "The proposal to introduce visas for visitors specifically from West Africa, India and other countries in Asia would cause great hardship to those legitimately seeking to exercise their right to visit friends and relatives."

Visas are not at present required for visits from people in Commonwealth countries unless they come from Sri Lanka.

Commonwealth countries are concerned at the prospect of delays.

The Home Office said yesterday that 169,600 visitors arrived in the United Kingdom last year from India, 163,700 from Nigeria and 11,000 from Bangladesh.

## Planning law is eased for handicap homes

By Jill Sherman

Health authorities will no longer need planning consent for small community homes for the mentally handicapped under Department of Environment proposals now out for consultation.

The guidance, contained in proposals by the department to modernize the Town and Country Planning Use Classes Order, 1972, would enable health authorities to buy houses without needing permission for a change of use of the building.

The move has been welcomed by the National Association of Health Authorities (Naha) which has now written to the country's 192 health authorities asking them to support the proposals. Many authorities have experienced delays and local opposition for community schemes when they have applied to councils for planning consent.

Mr Philip Hunt, the association's director, de-

scribed the proposals as a "significant victory in terms of the Government's care in the community policies". Several authorities had complained that house sellers were put off by the delays incurred in dealing with the health service and preferred to sell to private buyers, he said.

The proposals recommend that small community homes be made exempt from planning consent provided that there are no more than six permanent residents, unrelated to each other.

"There is no difference between the effect on a locality of four or five mentally handicapped adults and a house full of students, but the students do not have to seek planning permission," Mr David Bowden, Brighton Health Authority's district general manager, said. "Mentally handicapped people should be given the same rights as anyone else."



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First Soviet-Israeli meeting in 19 years

Talks end but contacts to continue

From Olli Kivinen, Helsinki

The first formal meeting between Israeli and Soviet officials in 19 years began and ended here after 90 minutes yesterday, but both sides said the contacts would continue.

The Soviet Union broke off diplomatic relations with Israel after the Six Day War in 1967.

Mr Ehud Gol, the Israeli spokesman, said afterwards that "contacts will continue," and Soviet sources here, used

Plea to Moscow

The Soviet Union has been asked to help Israel prepare its case against the suspected Nazi war criminal, Ivan John Demjanjuk, accused of having been the mass executioner at Treblinka (Ian Murray writes from Jerusalem).

Moscow has been asked to provide copies of documents, including the identity card of the so-called "Ivan the Terrible" which gives full particulars of the executioner.

Mr Yosef Gurich, the Attorney-General, yesterday asked the High Court for an extension of the remand against the defendant until October 1.

The same words to describe future steps.

According to Mr Gol, the talks were conducted in a "candid and concrete atmosphere" in English and without interpreters. He said the two sides had agreed that one session was sufficient to air their views.

"We will be continuing our contacts with the Soviet Union through normal diplomatic channels," he said.

He added that the possibility of reciprocal visits to the Soviet Union and Israel had been discussed, and a decision would be taken on the issue by



Finnish police holding back well-wishers and journalists crowding round Mr Yehuda Horan, the Israeli delegate.

stantive political discussions. Most observers believe here — and a high-ranking Israeli source here shares this view — that the Russians want to proceed slowly towards better relations with Israel.

A group of Israeli tourists held a brief demonstration in front of the venue of the talks here before the meeting began.

Arab concern was underlined here yesterday by a statement put out by the Palestine Liberation Organization: "We are sure that no political changes in Soviet foreign policy towards the Zionist entity will take place

and there will be no establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel because the reasons why the Soviet Union had cut these relations with Israel are still unchanged."

"They were over very, very quickly," Mr Gerasimov, the spokesman, said. "I am surprised. They were over very quickly."

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Canada's Tamil controversy

Mulroney defence arouses anger

From John Best, Ottawa

The controversy over Canada's decision to admit 154 Sri Lankan Tamil boat people confined yesterday in the wake of a statement by Mr Brian Mulroney, the Prime Minister, vigorously defending his Government's position.

Mr Mulroney broke a week-long silence on the issue on Sunday, when he said that Canada would always be a beacon to refugees who come to its shores seeking freedom.

The Prime Minister's statement added further fuel to the furore over the Tamils, who earlier admitted that they lied to gain entry to Canada.

They were plucked from two lifeboats last Monday after being cast adrift off Canada's east coast. A cargo vessel had brought them from West Germany.

All last week they maintained they had come directly from India — as refugees from the civil war in Sri Lanka — but by the weekend they admitted they had fabricated their story. The admission that their voyage had originated in West Germany was made at press conferences in Montreal and Toronto, where the refugees are now living.

West German police have identified the ship which brought them to Canada as the Auriga, but its skipper, Herr Wolfgang Bindel, has denied that he was involved.

The Canadian authorities are reported to be considering the legal aspects of the case, but whether changes will be laid was unclear yesterday. It would first have to be established, presumably, that the refugees were in Canadian waters when cast adrift.

Canadian MPs are reporting a flood of calls from their constituents, condemning the Government's decision. There have even been suggestions that Canada establish refugee detention centres where people arriving without valid documents could be confined until their cases had been considered.

Mr Jim Hawkes, chairman of a Commons committee which has been studying Canadian immigration policy, said that the Tamils should be sent back to West Germany provided their safety there can be guaranteed.

However, there have also been public expressions of support for the Tamils, along the lines that they are desperate people who need help and that, therefore, the question of whether they told lies to get into Canada is irrelevant.

That is, broadly, the position taken by Mr Mulroney. Mr Mulroney added, nevertheless, that immigration procedures would be tightened up if this was required.

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Mr Gandhi urged to deploy troops to curb terrorism

Police hold 400 Hindu protesters

Delhi (AP) — Police arrested 400 Hindu protesters yesterday after they staged a noisy demonstration outside the residence of Mr Buta Singh, the Home Minister, a Sikh, demanding his resignation for failing to curb Sikh terrorism.

The demonstrators from the right-wing Bharatiya Janata (Indian People's Party) shouted slogans blaming Mr Singh for the assassination of India's former army chief.

General Arun Vaidya, who commanded the Army when troops stormed the Sikhs' Golden Temple in 1984, was shot dead on August 10 by four Sikh extremists. Terrorist groups have vowed to kill other army generals involved in the temple attack.

More than 2,000 police in riot gear occupied roads leading to Mr Singh's house. The protesters were allowed to make speeches before being arrested. A police source said they would be released later.

Mr Madan Lal Khurana, president of the local Bharatiya Janata party, told followers that thousands of people would stage street protests if the Government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, did not deploy troops in Punjab to curb Sikh terrorism.

More than 500 people, mostly Hindus and dissident Sikhs, have been killed in Punjab this year by Sikh terrorists who are fighting for an independent nation.

Optimism as both East and West aim for agreement

By Rodney Cowton

Negotiators in Stockholm today begin a month-long effort to win international agreement on confidence and security building measures in Europe. They do so in a mood of "cautious optimism" despite the fact that agreement has eluded them since negotiations opened in January 1984.

What has changed is that Britain should take an independent initiative on nuclear tests. Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, said yesterday (Our Parliamentary Staff writes).

In a statement on the extension of the Soviet moratorium, he said that Britain should propose a new start to trilateral comprehensive test ban talks and should urge the

United States to accept, as a minimalist response to the Soviet initiative, a moratorium on all nuclear testing above 10 kilotons.

Such a ban, he said, would signal that Britain was "not prepared to support continued testing underground by the Americans with a view to extending nuclear explosions into space in connection with their SDI programme."

Anti-pollution squad launch raid on Capri

Capri (AP) — This resort island has become a target for police seeking to clean up its azure waters and ensure the "purity" of its restaurant meals.

About 40 carabinieri from the nearby port of Sorrento spent this weekend in boats, and even helicopters, as they checked on suspected pollution and other deterrents to tourists, the *Il Tempo* newspaper reported on Sunday.

Finishing the Blue Grotto, the sea cave and main natural attraction, sullied by sewage, police tracked down the owners of the offending sewer pipes, shut them off and turned over their findings to the local magistrate for eventual prosecution.

They then turned their attention to restaurants, five of which were found to be serving frozen fish and meat that had been listed on their menus as fresh.

Tornado rips through small Loire village

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The inhabitants of the small town of Charité-sur-Loire in Nièvre, central France, yesterday surveyed the path of destruction taken on Sunday evening by a tornado, which left one woman dead and 18 other people injured, two of them seriously.

The tornado, bringing with it high winds, rain and hailstones the size of golfballs, wrecked everything along its 650ft-wide, 1½-mile path.

Worst hit was a camping site near the Loire river where more than 200 campers were left out in the cold after caravans were overturned or cut in two by falling trees, tents whisked away, and cars buried under debris.

The townspeople, who themselves suffered great losses, offered shelter to the holidaymakers. The woman killed was said to have been hit by a falling tree.

Huge hailstones crashed through the roofs of houses, one narrowly missing a sleeping child.

Torrential rain pouring through the gaping roof of a monastery in the Black Forest caused damage estimated at more than £320,700 to valuable stucco ceilings.

Six people were injured in a car accident resulting from poor visibility. Crops and forests were also badly damaged and lightning sparked several fires.

VIROGINIA BEACH: Hurricane Charley, with winds of 75 mph, lashed the central Atlantic coast of the US, causing a plane crash that killed three people and a storm surge of up to 5 ft along the coast (Reuter reports).

NZ sets limited ban on Pretoria

From Richard Loug Wellington

New Zealand decided yesterday to impose limited sanctions on South Africa, banning farm imports from December 1 and asking the national airline to stop acting as agent for South African Airways.

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, announcing the decision after a Cabinet meeting, said that the Government was also opposed totally to investment in South Africa and that legislation to ban such investment was being considered.

He said that the Cabinet had also decided that imports of uranium, coal, iron and steel should be prohibited. Details of such items and the dates from which the ban would be imposed would be announced later.

The value of New Zealand agricultural imports from South Africa is tiny — only NZ\$ 5.5 million (£1.8 million), mainly consisting of wine, peanuts, raisins, dried and preserved fruit, confectionery, seeds and bulbs and vegetable oils.

New Zealand's total imports from South Africa in the year to June 30 were NZ\$ 26.3 million. Exports totalled NZ\$ 22.5 million.

Mr Lange said that the Government was banning the promotion of tourism to South Africa by government tourist offices.

Mr Lange said that his Government was giving effect to the measures decided by the Commonwealth mini-summit.

"It is my hope that the measures being taken by the Commonwealth and other countries may help persuade the South African Government to begin the process of dialogue that could lead to the establishment of a non-racial and representative government in a united South Africa," he said.

JOHANNESBURG: South Africa asserted yesterday that the effect of economic sanctions against it would be akin to chemical warfare, a weapon so indiscriminate that no one would be spared, "not even cats and dogs" (Michael Horsby writes).

Mr Louis Nel, the deputy Minister of Information and chief government spokesman, was commenting on US Senate approval on Friday for a package of sanctions.

"If the western world applies sanctions, all South Africa's peoples, and the people of the whole of the southern African region, will suffer, even cats and dogs... Sanctions are like chemical warfare, everybody will suffer, and it is just as immoral."

Mr Nel also castigated the "double standards" of western countries that opposed terrorism yet failed to condemn the African National Congress (ANC) for "horrendous deeds of terror and violence".

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Furious crowd lynches youth

Val Verde, California (AFP)

A crowd of youths lynched one of their number after he shot one youth dead and injured three others.

Gerardo Valle, aged 17, tried to intervene in a fight between two youths.

One of them fetched his hunting gun from his car, shot the youth in the face and fired into the crowd of 30 to 60 youths who turned on him, beating him to death with a post.

Flood flight

Delhi (Reuters) — The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, flew over flood-ravaged areas of southern India where nearly 120 people have been killed and military helicopters have had to rescue survivors and drop supplies to stranded villagers.

Driver's fury

Bern (AP) — An angry driver dumped his car on the state rather than pay a 20 Swiss francs (£8) speeding fine. He told police they could keep the 1969 Volvo, confirmed in writing he would pay for towing and scrapping, and left the scene on foot.

Plotter to die

Brazzaville (AP) — Claude-Ernest Ndalla, the former secretary-general of the ruling Congolese Labour Party, has been sentenced to death after being convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the Government in connection with two bombings which killed nine people.

Stay-aways

Munich (AP) — Twenty-seven Polish and Czechoslovak tourists abandoned their tour groups and remained in West Germany last week.

Tamil attack

Colombo (Reuters) — One government soldier and three Tamil guerrillas died in separate rebel attacks on two military camps in Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna district.

Bank strike

Beirut (Reuters) — Staff at the Central Bank of Lebanon staged a one-day protest strike yesterday, the first anniversary of the abduction of three Christian colleagues.

Thirsty work

Berlin (UPI) — Two East German border guards bolted from their watchtower and jumped off the Berlin Wall into the West, then celebrated at a bar where they were treated to beers.

Death dive

Quincy, Illinois (UPI) — Two American skydivers drifted too close during a jump, entangling their parachutes and plunging to their deaths before hundreds of spectators at the International Free Fall Convention.

Gold for eyes

Bern (AFP) — Nearly 2,000 Swiss responded in 1985 to a Red Cross appeal to citizens who replace their gold false teeth to hand to their old dentures to help thousands of Nepalese with eye disease.

Prince jailed

Lamezia Terme, Italy (AFP) — Prince Hermano von Sachsen of West Germany has been jailed for a year for attempting to smuggle 100 million lira (£43,000) out of the country in a private aircraft.

Honest cop

Corvallis, Oregon (AP) — Everyone in the audience knew the chief of the Albany police department was telling a lie when he took the podium, and they encouraged him to fib some more, but Chief Darrel Pepper's story about a mule that got stuck in a swamp failed to win a prize.

Pakistan Opposition admits doubts on Bhutto challenge

From Michael Hamlyn Karachi

The bitter campaign against the Pakistan Government dominated by President Zia launched by Miss Benazir Bhutto, daughter of the Prime Minister hanged by the Zia regime, seems to be getting off to a half-cocked start.

Although a number of people have died in conflicts with the security forces in Lahore and Karachi, the present disturbances have not yet attracted the whole-hearted support of the 10-party anti-government coalition, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy.

Indeed, a number of the older warhorses of the democratic movement are apparently happy to sit on the sidelines and wait until Miss Bhutto fails.

"The heads of the other parties have been bulldozed into accepting her," a prominent Karachi MRD supporter said.

"She ignored the contributions of other members of the democratic movement keeping constant pressure on the regime while she was in exile, and now she has told them: 'If you want to isolate yourselves from the movement, then that is up to you'. Parties other than her Pakistan People's Party have become irrelevant."

Miss Bhutto's anticorruption ways are said to have caused offence among the older generation of politicians. "Her party has become a fan club. It has no manifesto, no party programme. She acts like a film star," said one former opponent of her father, still in the MRD. "But once she fails to deliver the goods, people will lose patience with her."

Miss Bhutto, at present in Karachi's central jail after having addressed a meeting banned by the Government, may also have lost the ability directly to control the operations of the protest movement. The ultimatum which she presented to the Government,

to call elections or face mass demonstrations does not expire until September, but her supporters have already launched an agitation to protest at her arrest. In doing so they run the risk of blunting the effectiveness of the weapon she was proposing to use.

It is too early to say how the protests which began last night will turn out, but the indications are not wholly encouraging for Miss Bhutto.

The main protests have so far come from the rural centres in Sind's interior. Sind province has a long and turbulent history, but no rural uprising there has managed to change any government. This was particularly proved in the turbulence of September 1983.

For governments to be affected, there must be big urban uprisings. The only urban disturbances so far have come in Lahore and Karachi — key cities undoubtedly, but there has so far been nothing in Baluchistan, or the frontier, and no other Punjab town,

apart from Lahore, has felt any ripple of trouble.

The numbers involved in last week's running battles with the police in Lahore were deplorably small by the normal standards of such things in the subcontinent. Witnesses reported that the maximum number of people actively operating on the streets at the time was 1,000.

In Karachi the disturbances have been limited to the suburb of Lyari, an area which people compare to Brixton in London or Harlem in New York.

Lyari's inhabitants are among the most deprived and exploited in the country, and feel themselves outcasts in a society which has begun to develop a taste for a rising standard of living.

A policeman on the streets there described them as Negroes, and indeed many of them are said to be descendants of African slaves brought to these parts by Arab traders. They are popularly

referred to as Sidis, a local term for Abyssinians.

Though the demonstrations in Lyari yesterday began to get increasingly bitter, they, no more than the outbreaks in rural Sind, will not cause the fall of the Government or even reimposition of martial law.

"I was part of the movement against the Bhutto regime, and the only way that you can bring a government down is if the lower middle classes and the urban professionals are behind you," Sardar Sherbaz Mazari, head of a powerful Baluch clan and former leader of an MRD party, said.

"I see no sign of that at present. The doctors and the lawyers and the shopkeepers are not supporting this agitation. Unless and until they are involved, you will have no results."

Mr Wali Khan, one of the few leaders of the MRD still at liberty, said yesterday that his party was not yet ready to start the protests, which have been called for by the People's Party. He has just formed the



Mr Nel: economic sanctions akin to chemical warfare

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The Sudan civil war

# Red Cross halts airlift of food to south after rebels shoot down plane

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

The International Committee of the Red Cross has halted its food relief airlift from Entebbe to Wau, in southern Sudan, which began only last Thursday in an attempt to alleviate the famine there.

Red Cross officials said the airlift would be restarted if an assurance of its safety could be obtained, otherwise the plan would be withdrawn.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army, which is fighting a guerrilla war against the Government, yesterday confirmed that its forces shot down the Sudan Airways Fokker Friendship as it took off from Malakal, 400 miles south of Khartoum, on a scheduled flight on Saturday.

The SPLA's clandestine radio station, monitored here, said the plane was brought down by a missile. It said the Sudan Government must accept responsibility for the loss of the 60 lives, because it had ignored an SPLA order banning all flights over the "war zone."

Yesterday the governor of Upper Nile province, Colonel Simon Manang, reported from Malakal that there were no survivors. All the 57 pas-

sengers and three crew were Sudanese, he said, and most of the passengers were women and children.

Colonel Manang described the shooting down of the plane as a "savage deed". It crashed about four miles from Malakal.

### Attack on rebels

Mr John Luk, a spokesman in London for the SPLA, said that the shooting down of the plane on Saturday morning came only three hours after Libyan warplanes launched an attack on rebel positions at the town of Bor, 300 miles away. He said that the strict air exclusion zone announced by the SPLA was imposed after it was learnt that Sudanese troops, backed by Libya, were preparing an offensive.

airport, after witnesses had seen a surface-to-air missile strike one of its engines.

The SPLA radio station, which operates from Addis Ababa, yesterday broadcast a message of congratulation to men of the SPLA's Fashoda Battalion for shooting down the aircraft. It described the civilian

airliner as an "enemy plane," and said the Fashoda battalion had carried out a "heroic, historic and successful operation."

"The deaths of the innocent civilians on the plane rest squarely on the shoulders of the Khartoum Government," it claimed.

The radio added that the Sudanese Prime Minister, Mr Sadeq al-Mahdi, should abandon his warlike attitude to the SPLA.

It repeated allegations that the Prime Minister had visited Libya recently to obtain military support for a drive against the SPLA, and claimed that 13,000 Libyan troops were already in Sudan.

Only hours before the plane was shot down, the SPLA issued a warning that all aircraft, including relief planes, were banned from flying over the "war zone" because the Sudanese Army was using them to reinforce its positions in the south.

Aid officials said yesterday that two million people now face starvation in the south of the country. Efforts are being made to move some food by road from Uganda to Juba.

## Chance to charm at snake festival



Three youths celebrating Nag Panchami, the snake festival, yesterday in Shirala village, India. They caught and wore a dozen non-venomous ones around their necks and bodies. In India the snake is a symbol of life, strength and good luck.

### Impressionists moving house

Paris (AP) - Thousands crowded into the Jeu de Paume yesterday for a final look before the great museum of Impressionist art is closed permanently. The Culture Ministry said the collection, with works by Cézanne, Renoir and Manet, had outgrown its quarters and was to be moved, with Impressionist works from the Louvre, to the Orsay Museum, opening in December.

## Australia quits air exercise with US as trade war looms

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Australia has followed up protests to Washington over what it condemns as unfriendly trade practices by withdrawing from a big air force exercise with the United States next month.

What is emerging as a serious rift in relations between the two countries took a new turn yesterday when the Defence Ministry confirmed that the Royal Australian Air Force would not take part in exercises with the US Navy and Air Force because of "resource constraints".

There is a widespread conviction in Canberra that Washington has taken its friendship too much for granted, particularly given Australia's support in the effective dissolution last week of Anzus as a trilateral defence alliance.

Ministers here are outraged that the Reagan Administration has blatantly ignored Canberra's appeals against the decision to sell US grain at subsidized prices to Australian customers, such as the Soviet Union.

The Defence Ministry said participation in the Cape Thunder exercises in the Philippines from September 5 to 20 had been "deferred" in favour of the next in the series in May. There was no public

linkage with the trade dispute, but Canberra has never before withdrawn from a defence project with its closest ally, and the message is unmistakable.

Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, was bluntly critical of the Administration last week when he exchanged letters with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, to formalize the ousting of New Zealand from Anzus.

Australians saw their economy threatened with "terrible damage" at the hands of their best friend, Mr Hayden said. "We do not demand aid from the US. Australia is one of the few countries which has an adverse balance of trade with the US."

He repeated the message at the weekend: the trade war, which could cost Australia \$AUS 500 million (£205 million) a year, would undermine its defence capacity.

"We won't be able to afford to buy helicopters or fly our aircraft as much as we want to, or go out on maritime surveillance patrols," he said.

The stage is set for the visit to Canberra next week by Senator Richard Lugar, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, for talks on the trade issue.

### Cameroon mission by Peres

Jerusalem - Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, is expected to fly to Cameroon next week when the two countries renew diplomatic relations after 19 years (Ian Murray writes).

The West African country is one of six on the continent where Israel now has a consular interest section and where, according to Foreign Ministry sources, there have been talks recently about re-establishing the ties broken off at the outbreak of the Six Day War in 1967.

A report on Israeli radio that relations were to be restored was not confirmed, but the ministry spokesman said it was normal practice to make no announcement until an agreement was completed.

There have been persistent rumours in recent weeks that other African countries were to renew relations, following the example of Ivory Coast, which agreed to exchange ambassadors at the end of last year.

Before the Six Day War, Israel had 29 embassies in Africa but only South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland and Malawi have maintained relations. Egypt, Zaire, Liberia and now Ivory Coast have diplomatic links, and there has been a series of high-level private missions by senior Israeli officials and politicians in recent months to try to persuade others to resume normal relations.

These visits have been spearheaded by Mr David Kimche, director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

Apart from Cameroon, Gabon and Togo have been reported to be considering restoring relations. The other three countries where there are interest sections are Ghana, Kenya and Burkina Faso.

Given the Soviet influence in much of Africa, it is hoped here that the talks on consular matters between Israel and the Soviet Union will encourage others to re-establish links.

### Israel cuts funds to ministries

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

The Israeli Cabinet has voted for a 3.9 per cent across-the-board cut in funding to all civilian ministries in a bid to slash the cost of bureaucracy by a further 320 million shekels (£160 million).

The cuts were approved by 14 to five votes with five abstentions.

Many ministers expressed concern that education would inevitably suffer from these new economies and that the defence budget was not being reviewed by the entire Cabinet.

Only last December the national budget was trimmed by 250 million shekels, with new levies being imposed on education and teachers having to give up free periods to save 60,000 hours of paid working time.

The National Parents' Association has now written to the Government demanding that education be spared. Mr Yitzhak Navon, the Minister for Education, has already warned his Cabinet colleagues that further cuts are impossible without reducing grants to cultural facilities, such as museums, orchestras and youth movements.

Once again defence has been spared, with Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Minister for Defence, demanding a 92 million shekel increase in his budget because the value of the dollar has fallen against the shekel, so reducing the purchasing power of American aid.

This fact, however, underlines the success of the coalition Government's austerity programme in stabilizing the economy and slashing the runaway inflation rate.

For the first time in recent years, the whole budget debate has been conducted in shekels rather than in dollars - as had been necessary until recently to ensure that figures withstood exchange fluctuations.

### Zionist tombs daubed

Jerusalem (Reuters) - Nazi swastikas were daubed on the tombs of modern Zionism's founding father, Theodore Herzl, and the former Israeli Prime Minister, Golda Meir, during Sunday night.

Police suspect ultra-ortho-

dox Jewish fanatics were responsible. Slogans on their tombs and those of lesser-known Zionist leaders indicated the desecration was carried out by Jews who consider the state of Israel an abomination.

### Djibouti breaks Aden link over jet incident

Djibouti (Reuters) - The Red Sea state of Djibouti has broken air and sea links with nearby South Yemen after two MiG fighters of the South Yemeni Air Force intercepted an Air Djibouti airliner over the sea.

Mr Moumin Bahdon Farah, the Djibouti Minister of Foreign Affairs, lodged a formal protest with the South Yemeni chargé d'affaires and described the interception on Saturday as a grave and disturbing act of piracy.

The Air Djibouti Boeing 720 was flying home from the North Yemeni capital of Sanaa with 59 passengers on board when the two MiGs forced it to land at Aden.

Armed men searched the plane, apparently in the hope of finding supporters of the former President, Mr Ali Nasser Mohammed, who lost power in South Yemen last January after bloody fighting between rival Marxist factions, informed sources said. (They reported that Mr Hus-

sein Kassem Ahmed, an associate of Mr Nasser Mohammed, was on board the plane, but was allowed to continue his journey after the Ethiopian pilot refused to take off without him.)

Mr Ahmed has been shuttling through Djibouti on trips between Addis Ababa, where Mr Nasser Mohammed is living in exile, and Sanaa, where thousands of his supporters sought sanctuary.

In Aden yesterday an official spokesman, quoted by Aden radio, said the airliner left its usual course and "strayed 80 km (50 miles) into prohibited Yemeni territory".

The dispute is complicated by the close ideological links between Marxist Ethiopia and South Yemen and by the desire of both Yemeni governments for good relations with each other.

The interception of the plane marks the first time Djibouti has become caught up in the affair.

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THE HARVEST OF SORROW

by Robert Conquest

Part 2: The famine rages

As the winter of 1932 wore on, famine in the Ukrainian countryside grew steadily worse. On November 20, a government decree withheld the distribution of any grain at all to peasants in payment for their work on collective farms until Stalin's grain delivery quota had been met. Villages that could not meet the demands were literally blockaded. A month later, a list was published of whole districts "to which supplies of commercial products have been halted until they achieve a decisive improvement in fulfilment of grain collective plans". Inhabitants of these blockaded districts were deported en masse to the north.

Fifteen years after the Russian Revolution had removed the Soviet Union's private landowners, Stalin began his assault on the peasantry. Hundreds of thousands were deported or put in labour camps and then, by imposing unrealistic grain quotas, he starved the rest into submission, paying particular attention to the Ukraine, whose people had a tradition of independence. By the end of the campaign, 14.5 million peasants across the Soviet Union lay dead; more than a third of them Ukrainians.

and buckwheat chaff and a little rye flour to hold it together. There were local rebellions in the Ukraine throughout the winter and spring. The peasants were usually infuriated into revolt because there was grain available, often within miles of where they starved. Not all the grain was exported or sent to the cities or the army. Local granaries held reserves for emergencies such as war; the famine itself was not sufficient occasion for their release.

Food available on the spot but denied to the starving constituted an unbearable provocation - particularly when grain and potatoes were piled up in the open and left to rot. In the Lubotino area, several thousand tons were held in a field, surrounded by barbed wire. When they began to go bad, they were transferred from the Potato Trust to the Alcohol Trust, but were left in the fields until they were useless even for that.

Riots took place with the sole aim of getting at grain in granaries or potatoes in distilleries. In the village of Pustovarivka, the Party secretary was killed and the potatoes seized. In punishment, about 100 peasants were shot. At Khmeliv, a "women's revolt" stormed the granary and three were later sentenced. A witness of these events noted: "It happened at a time when people were hungry but still had strength."

At the height of the famine in the spring of 1933, peasants in



Mikolaiv province attacked an already-rotting dump of grain and were machine-gunned by the guards of OGPU, Stalin's secret police. In Poltava province, villagers looted a grain warehouse but some, too weak to carry the corn home, died on the way back and the rest were arrested next day. Many were shot, the rest given sentences of between five and 10 years.

The state devised systematic methods of extracting the peasant's family valuables. Even in small neighbourhood towns or the larger villages, a peasant was able to use the Torgsin ("trade

with foreigners") shops. Part of the Soviet government's efforts to unearth any resources usable in the international market, these shops freely sold goods, including food, but accepted as payment only foreign currency and precious metal or stones.

Many peasants had the odd gold ornament or coin which would bring them a little bread. At these shops, golden crosses or earrings would go for a few kilograms of flour or fat. A teacher received "50 grammes of sugar, or a cake of soap and 200 grammes of rice" for a silver dollar.

In a village of Zhytomyr prov-

ince, the landlords and other richer pre-revolutionary inhabitants had been Roman Catholics. In the Catholic cemetery they had often been buried with gold rings and other jewellery. In the winter of 1932-33, villagers opened the graves secretly and used the jewellery to buy food.

At the beginning of 1933, a third grain levy was announced and a further assault on the now non-existent reserves of the Ukrainian peasantry took place. People had been dying throughout the winter, but death on a mass scale really began early in March 1933.

"People had swollen faces and

In a cabin near Kharkov, a 14-year-old girl and her brother, aged two and a half (left) survived. An eyewitness reported: "This young child crawled about the floor like a frog, and its poor little body was so deformed that it did not resemble a human being... black bread and potatoes in varying quantities had been the sole nourishment of this infant that had been on the point of death many times in the past winter

legs and stomachs... and now they ate anything at all," one observer wrote. "They caught mice, rats, sparrows, ants, earthworms."

"They ground up bones into flour, and did the same with leather and shoe soles; they cut up old skins and furs to make noodles of a kind, and they cooked glue. And when the grass came up, they began to dig up the roots and eat the leaves and the buds; they used everything there was: dandelions, and burdock, and bluebells, and willowroot, and sedums and nettles..."

Murder became commonplace. In the village of Bilka, Dmytro Ischenko killed his sister, his brother-in-law and their 16-year-old daughter in order to obtain their 30lb of flour. Ischenko also murdered his friend, Petro Korobeynyk, who was carrying four loaves of bread which he had somehow obtained in the city. There are innumerable reports of suicide, almost invariably by hanging; mothers frequently put their children out of their misery.

The most horrifying result was cannibalism. "Some went insane, the *szemleda* novelist Vasily Grossman wrote. "There were people who cut up and cooked corpses, who killed their own children and ate them. I saw one. She had been brought to the district centre under convoy. Her face was human, but her eyes were those of a wolf. These are cannibals, they said, and must be shot."

But not all were shot. In the late 1930s, 325 cannibals from the Ukraine - 75 men and 250

women - were reported to be still serving life sentences in Baltic-White Sea Canal prison camps. One man who had been working on the collectivization campaign in Siberia came back to the Ukraine in 1933 to find the population of his village "almost extinct".

Driven by desperation, large numbers of those who could still move left the villages. If they could not reach the cities, they hung around the railway stations. If unable to reach the stations, they went to the railway lines and begged bread from the passing trains. Even skilled workers in the Ukrainian cities found themselves existing on black bread, potatoes and salt fish. As early as the summer of 1932, office workers' bread rations had been cut in Kiev from 1 lb to 1/2 lb a day, while industrial workers' rations were reduced from 2 lb to 1 1/2 lb.

At the bread shops, there were queues more than 400 yards long, the people so weak that they were able to stand only by holding on to the belt of the person in front. Each would receive from under 1 lb to under 1/2 lb of bread, the last few hundred perhaps getting nothing but tickets or chalked numbers on their hands to present the next day.

The peasants flocked towards the cities to join these queues, to buy from those who had managed to get bread there, or simply under vaguely understood compulsion. Although road blocks and controls were set up to keep them out, many managed to get through.

In the towns, eerie scenes took place. People hurried about their affairs in the normal way although "there were starving children, old men, girls, crawling about them on all fours", hardly able to beg, mainly ignored.

In Kiev, Kharkov, Dnipropetrovsk and Odessa it became routine for the local authorities to go round the town in the early morning, clearing up the corpses. In 1933, about 150 dead bodies a day were gleaned in the streets of Poltava.

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TOMORROW

How Stalin kept his secret

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Changing role of Hungary's Catholics

Church girds itself to compete with state for minds of young

From Roger Boyes Budapest

"Jesus arrives in Budapest," declared the oddly disturbing headline but, as the bulky presence of the British lyricist Tim Rice seemed to confirm, the newspaper was celebrating the hit musical Jesus Christ Superstar rather than a sudden religious revival or the Second Coming.

Something, though, is stirring in the becalmed religious life of Hungary. For years the Hungarians have been overshadowed by the strength and militancy of the Polish Catholic Church which, buoyed by a Polish Pope, has not been shy of criticizing the Government.

By contrast the Hungarian Primate, Cardinal Laszlo Lekai, who died last month, was a great conciliator, a man who believed in small steps. "The Hungarian model differs from the Polish," he said some months before he died.

The Hungarian Church reserved the right to discipline priests who used "too sharp a voice, perhaps in a Polish way". The new head of the Hungarian episcopate, Archbishop Laszlo Pacsali, will, in the view of many priests, have to adjust the Lekai line and perhaps put up a tougher front to the authorities.

"It's not a question of timidity or bravery," commented a long-standing critic of the late cardinal. "We simply have to face, rather than avoid, our problems and do so honestly and directly."

Cardinal Lekai was secretary to Cardinal Mindszenty, his predecessor as Primate, and as such witnessed the humiliation of many priests at the hands of the Stalinist secret police. Cardinal Mindszenty himself was arrested, jailed, tried and eventually sought refuge in the United States Embassy. Cardinal Lekai, by moving the Church out of an explicitly anti-communist corner, wanted to avoid a repetition of these terrors.

But the problems to be tackled by the new Church leadership will inevitably mean some confrontation with the authorities.

The most glaring issue is that of the so-called "basic communities". There are between 3,000 and 4,000 of them in Hungary, each grouping on average about 25 parishioners. They are essentially gatherings of young people and the services often include guitar-playing priests, sermons that touch on politics or Hungarian history and long discussions. But about 5,000 follow a

radical priest called Father Gyoergy Bulanyi who, assisted by some 25 sympathetic clerics, encourages pacifists to dodge the draft and does nothing to discourage criticism of the authorities by his young supporters. Not only the Government but also the bishops disapprove.

Yet the new Primate will probably have to put up with Father Bulanyi and the inevitable criticisms from the Government, if only because of the chronic shortage of priests in Hungary.

The basic communities are at least ensuring that the Catholic faith is reaching young people and, despite Cardinal Lekai's efforts, there is really no way of splitting these young Christians into good, non-political ones and bad radicals.

Hungary has only about 2,400 priests (Poland could probably export this number as missionaries and not notice the difference) and about half of its episcopate are either extremely old or ill. The new Primate therefore has to rejuvenate the clergy, which means a much more active role in church education and among young people.

"It is a question of competing for youngsters," a Budapest priest said, "of luring them away from state univer-

sities and into our world." The clever Minister of Religion, Mr Imre Miklos, spoiled by years of smooth sailing with Cardinal Lekai, may opt like that much.

Before his death, Cardinal Lekai had worked out with the Vatican two ways of rejuvenating the Church. When they are put into practice they will spell an uncomfortable time for the authorities.

The first move is to build up a new female religious order - the Sisters of Our Lady of Hungary - which will have an explicit responsibility for social work. This is the first time that the Church order in Hungary has moved out of the sphere of teaching.

Social work - dealing with alcoholics, potential suicides, broken families - will pull the Church into the mainstream of social criticism.

The other big change is the authorization of laymen to preach, teach the Catechism, dispense Communion and, in the absence of ordained priests, run parishes. Women, too, will be allowed to work as so-called "co-operators".

It is the bishops who choose these laymen, but the Government has veto powers and also insists that full-time co-operators swear allegiance to the state.

Clampdown tries to erase the drug addict image

From Our South Asia Correspondent Kathmandu

NEPAL Part 2

As the new Nepalese Government takes stock of its position and faces up to the country's problems with an almost completely new Cabinet, plans are being made for initiatives on two widely differing but internationally important fronts.

As with all Nepalese governments, the principal problem that confronts the ministers of King Birendra Bikram Bir Shah Dev is the grinding poverty and economic chaos that make life uncommonly hard for the peasants.

Officials are being somewhat more confident of late that there will be an improvement in the economy - the balance of payments was in the black for the past year after two years in the red, even though the balance of trade was severely out of kilter.

A severe devaluation last autumn was largely to be credited for the improved figures, but an associated increase in costs will rapidly fuel inflation unless domestic incomes may be held down.

The Finance Ministry is at present negotiating with the World Bank for a "structural adjustment loan" of "significant" proportions. While the loan will undoubtedly help the country's budgetary problems, the conditions on which it may be granted will not

reduce the political difficulties of the Government. It may well be compelled to withdraw fertilizer subsidies, and unravel the hidden subsidies to the consumer given by huge loans to public corporations. An increase in the tax take - presently only 9 per cent of gross domestic product - is also possible.

But one of the most striking changes the new Government plans to bring about is in control of the illicit narcotics trade.

Nepal's drug image stems from the 1960s, when Kathmandu and its "Freak Street" was the last stop on the hippie road to paradise.

According to a Jesuit mission which has made a speciality of looking after Nepal's own drug addicts, there are 15,000 of them among the capital's population of 450,000 - about one in 30 of the inhabitants. "Ten years ago," according to Father Tom Gafney, who heads the St Xavier's social service centres, "there were a mere 500 hard-core addicts here."

Kathmandu has also become a key transit point for the international drug trade. What can be bought for \$20 (£13) here, Father Gafney points

out, can be sold on the streets of New York for \$500. This international trade has increased dramatically since the opening of a direct Kathmandu air link, which brings the poppy fields of the Afghan frontier uncomfortably close.

Both social workers, such as Father Gafney, and Western authorities with an interest in halting the drug trade are encouraged by clampdown plans Nepal is making.

A senior government official noted that even without further legislation there had been an increase in drug arrests.

The official indicated that Nepal might even consider bringing in a penalty as severe as capital punishment for drug smuggling. "I would certainly prefer a Malaysia-type solution," he said.

Until last year Nepal kept the death penalty for regicides only, but after an outbreak of bombing they introduced it for acts of terrorism, too.

Western authorities expect the new measures to include at least a customs crackdown on smuggling, the installation of a single authority to deal with the problem, and an extension of the special court set up to meet the emergency.

The special court last week handed out a three-year jail sentence and a fine of 15,000 rupees (£500) to a West German girl trying to take hashish out of the country. Concluded



Senator Lugar: backing for a young democracy

US letter of support delivered to Aquino

From Keith Dalton Manila

American Senator Richard Lugar, who led a US mission to observe February's presidential election in Manila, returned here yesterday to deliver a personal letter of support from President Reagan to President Aquino.

After a 2½-hour meeting with Mr Aquino, Mr Lugar said the letter from Mr Reagan, who is due to meet the Philippines' leader next month, "simply indicated how much he looked forward to entertaining her (and how strongly he supports this democracy in the Philippines."

Mrs Aquino is going ahead with an eight-day visit to the US beginning on September 15, despite official and private warnings of a possible military coup or an attempted takeover by supporters of the deposed President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos.

Mr Lugar said her scheduled address to a joint session of Congress "will be very helpful" in securing speedy approval of a multi-million-dollar aid package. He also said her talks with American business and banking leaders should attract more US investment to the country.

The future of US bases in the country was not discussed. Mooners shot: Eight mourners at a wake for a murder victim were themselves shot dead before dawn yesterday by 10 masked men wearing military fatigues.

The state-run Philippine News Agency said 10 others were wounded when the gunmen barged into a north Manila house and ordered the mourners to line up before opening fire with automatic rifles.

Police said the motive for the killing was not known.

Protesters in Peking for N-plant talks

Peking (AFP) - An anti-nuclear group from Hong Kong said it was disappointed after meeting Chinese officials asking for more facts about the dangers they are facing and what their future may hold.

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Chernobyl victims tell Pravda of their fears

Moscow (Reuter) - Pravda published letters yesterday from people affected by the Chernobyl nuclear accident asking for more facts about the dangers they are facing and what their future may hold.

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Cartoon politics for Chinese

From Robert Grievies Peking

The readers of two Shanghai newspapers this weekend were treated to the first cartoon depictions of Chinese political figures since 1949.

The cartoons of the Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, and the Communist Party General Secretary, Mr Hu Yaobang, appeared on Friday in the conservative, Shanghai-based Liberation Daily and in the Shanghai Culture and Art News.

The cartoons were printed on the back page of Liberation Daily (circulation nearly one million) along with other cartoons that were exhibited in a Shanghai competition at the weekend. The Shanghai Art and Culture News carried the cartoons on its front page and



"Comrade Yaobang leads us in a new song": a cartoon breaks with conventions.

also ran a leading article about them.

Mr Deng was portrayed as a bridge player in a caricature entitled "The China Card," by a young artist named Zhang Weiping.

In the cartoon a full-faced Mr Deng in a Mao jacket, rendered in a style similar to that of the Western cartoonist, Lurie, raises his right hand with a playing card that reads

"China style." On the table in front of him are arranged three cards that read "Modernization". The domestic China news service said Mr Deng was portrayed "as thoughtful and in control."

Mr Hu, pictured by veteran cartoonist Ke Da in a sketch called "Comrade Yaobang leads us in a new song," wears a Western suit and tie and has his hair slicked back. With arms raised, eyes shut and mouth open, he appears to be crooning to a nightclub.

In an editorial entitled "Funny Chinese Characters," Hong Kong's South China Sunday Morning Post said: "Any doubts about the scope of China's current social and cultural change should be dispelled by the latest news from Shanghai - the political caricature is back."



# Degrees of risk: earn or learn

As A-level results are declared, school-leavers have to decide between going to university, if they can get in, and starting a job, if they can find one.

Sally Brompton, in the first of a two-part series, reports on this crucial decision

It was with a mixture of hope and dread that 19-year-old Lizzy Ella scanned her mail each morning, searching for the letter which dictated her immediate future and possibly affect the entire pattern of her life.

Nicholas Taylor, aged 16, is typical when he says: "I don't really feel I would be experienced enough to leave school at 17 and go straight into a job. I took most of my O-levels when I was about a year younger than anyone else in my class and I feel a year younger".

With a dozen O-levels under his belt, Nicholas is currently studying for the three A-levels he plans to take next year. His ambition is to read English at Cambridge but he says: "My main reason for wanting to go to university is not to achieve any academic excellence but because I equate getting a degree — any degree — with getting a good job afterwards".

In today's climate of high unemployment and diminishing job expectations, Britain has become very much a country of those who have degrees and those who have not.

And despite the fact that unemployment among graduates has dropped dramatically in the past five years, youngsters like Lizzy Ella who have just received their A-level results still face the dilemma of deciding whether to enter the groves of academe for the sake of that glittering prize or to spend those often vital three years earning practical experience in the academically grey area of commerce and industry.

Almost a quarter of students who acquire three A-levels make a positive decision not to go to university, which is some indication of the extent to which a degree has become something of an unknown quantity.

Apart from professions such as medicine and the law, where the necessary qualifications are cut and dried, an increasing number of school leavers is turning to careers in which apparent ability to do the job exists entirely in the eye of the beholder in a buyers' market.

Certainly, Lizzy Ella is not unusual in neither knowing what she wants to do when and if she graduates nor understanding what career benefits — if any — a degree may provide. "I can't see any harm in having a degree", she argues. "Surely it can only help".

Yet in spite of her vagueness she was so anxious to go to a red-brick university to read classical studies that she retook her three A-levels in the hope of improving on last year's grades — which she did, marginally.

Her decision is fuelled by the desire to acquire some sort of qualification plus a genuine interest in the classics, although she admits: "I can't actually think of any super job that requires a classical education".

It is an attitude which suggests that a degree is, in many cases, no longer a measure of knowledge but a marketable commodity. Significantly, more university students are choosing to study social administration and business studies than any other subject. Equally significant is the fact that of the 51,921 students who applied for that particular course last year, only 21,437 were accepted.

White competition is high in all subjects — of 176,553 applicants to the 46 universities in the United Kingdom last year, 32,889 were offered places — university is still regarded by many as a three-year respite from the traumas of the job market.

It is a realistic approach to his future and although he has yet to decide what career to follow — "possibly advertising, otherwise something vague in business" — he is considering spending an additional two years articled to a solicitor in order to have "something to fall back on if everything goes wrong".

As it happens, advertising is one of those service industries in which a degree may open the first doors but is not necessarily an advantage in the long run. Roger Talbot, a 39-year-old account director with an advertising agency in Middlesex, says:

"I started at the bottom and worked my way up". It is certainly a philosophy that has paid off in the past, as is illustrated by many of today's captains of industry. Both Gerald Ronson, chairman and chief executive of the Heron Corporation, and Sir David Plastow, managing director and chief executive of Vickers, are classic examples of high achievers who have reached the top without the benefit of a university education.

Now 47, Ronson left school at 15 and went to work in his father's furniture factory. "I have no regrets about not going to university", he says, "but for those who have the ability and brain power to maximize a university education for their career, I think that is very worthwhile. But it is something they would really want to do because there are people who have the intellectual ability but don't apply themselves to academic learning".

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The possibility of combining such characteristics with an academic record is demonstrated by 32-year-old Diana Battle. After graduating in biology and physiology at London University, she sold space for an accountancy magazine, became articled to a chartered accountant for six months ("too boring, dear, absolutely deadly"), and ran Radio Caroline for two years before being called to the Bar. However, instead of serving her pupillage ("I decided this really wasn't for me") she started her own tax practice in London which led her into lecturing.

Today she works as a tax adviser as well as lecturing in business affairs, tax accounting and law. "There's no doubt that having a degree was really the first rung on the ladder for me", she says, "but that alone wouldn't have got me where I am now. I think that further step — in my case, training for the bar — makes you a much more viable commodity".

It can be argued that those destined for the top are going to get there anyway, irrespective of university education. That is certainly the conviction of Dr Dave Hessayon, the 58-year-old millionaire chairman of Pan Britannica Industries, an agricultural chemicals firm, and the world's top selling author of gardening books. Despite his own academic qualifications — a special honours degree in botany and chemistry from Leeds University and a doctorate in soil sciences — he has no doubt that he would still be where he is today even if he had taken a non-academic route.

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in small agencies learning the ropes. "And I think that, ultimately, there is a practical advantage because university does give you a much more intelligent and keener mind — and possibly a much more disciplined mind".

It is not the kind of practical advantage that 31-year-old Jacqueline Gray has found lacking during her eight years as an insurance broker. "I considered going to university but I had an urge to travel and that was more important to me than further education", she says. "Also, at that time there were an awful lot of people who had got degrees and still had difficulty finding jobs. I felt I would have a good chance of getting a better job by not going to university".

She got into breaking through secretarial work and says: "I doubt if I would be doing the same job today if I had gone to university. It's not the most interesting of businesses but I'm very successful at it and good at what I do. Anyway, my only ambition was to make lots of money".

"Now I'm a director of the company, well established with lots of clients and that's what I shall continue to do. I feel that from an education point of view graduates are at an advantage but business-wise they're not".

That was something Clare Guyer discovered after leaving university. Guyer, now aged 38, is one of the approximately 15 per cent of students in Britain who for a variety of reasons leave university before taking final exams.

Just two terms into her modern languages course at Birmingham University, she decided it was not what she wanted. "I expected it to be more stimulating", she recalls. "I was a bit immature and unsure of myself and I found that at university you don't get much chance to get to know yourself and what you're capable of doing as a person".

Instead, she joined a London store as a management trainee and worked her way up to the position of buyer. Today, married with three children, she teaches and administers at a Youth Training Scheme school near her home in Essex.

"I haven't the slightest regret about leaving university", she says. "If I had stayed on and gone into retailing as a graduate trainee I don't think I would have got on as fast as I did. I don't feel I would have gained much either financially or as a trainee. I'm very grateful that

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# Guess who's just discovered rape?

The latest issue of *Woman's Own* features a 'cynical attempt to exploit women's suffering and rage', says Germaine Greer

At last, *Woman's Own* has discovered rape. Feminist publications started dealing with it 20 years ago and, partly as a result of their continued struggle to offer outraged women a better deal, official perceptions of rape have changed. The London Rape Crisis Centre has been publishing annual reports since 1977. In June 1984 the Women's National Commission set up an ad hoc working group to study women and violence: its report was published at the end of 1985.

Yet *Woman's Own*, having had 25,000 replies to a questionnaire published in the magazine in May, dares to proclaim "Our report — your report — will now be sent to every MP in the country, to the police, and other interested authorities. From now on no one in Britain will be able to say that there is no proper information on the subject".

If *Woman's Own* had bothered to research the information already available it would not have found so many of the results of its questionnaire "incredible". The magazine found that 76 per cent of victims had not reported the crime to the police: the rape crisis centres have reported consistently that only one in four of the incidents they know of is also known to the police. However, unlike the rape crisis centres, *Woman's Own* put words into women's mouths to explain why. Women were offered five alternative explanations: "I was afraid they'd be unsympathetic"; "I didn't think they'd believe me"; "I couldn't stand the thought of those questions and the internal examination"; "I was too upset"; "I just wanted to forget it had ever happened".

Actually, women's unwillingness to report rape is quite realistic. The "clear-up rate" in rape cases — i.e. those declared closed — is 64 per cent; in a third of cases no perpetrator is ever identified. In about half the cases known to the police the woman recognized her attacker, so the clear-up rate is largely due to the victim's identification and not to police work.

Not all of the cases cleared up result in arrest: a recent survey revealed that only 80 per cent of arrests resulted in prosecution, and only half of the prosecutions led to a conviction for rape or a related offence. *Woman's Own* made no mention of rape crisis centres or counselling or women's support systems; indeed it seems to be labouring under the delusion that it is the first publication to offer raped women compassion. "Who cares?" it wailed. "We do!"

The magazine would have us understand that it ran the rape questionnaire "to discover how widespread the problem is; and because precious little research has been carried out into this brutal crime". Students of the raw data might wonder why, if information is the goal, the questionnaire begins "In general, how do you feel about the sentences given to convicted rapists?" That question screened out all those who did not feel strongly, and would consequently not spend an hour on the questionnaire, or bother to buy a stamp and post the letter. As a result we have the shock-horror lead story that 98 per cent "of women" think sentences for convicted rapists are too lenient. It is highly unlikely that 98 per cent of women know what sentences rapists actually get.

Four out of five of these same respondents want life imprisonment for rape; 60 per cent of them think rapists should be castrated and 39 per cent of them want hanging brought back for rape. This kind of emphasis is counterproductive. So few rapists are convicted because the crime is considered so grave that the accused must have every opportunity to defend himself.

Actually, rape is simply having intercourse with a woman against her will: it is always despicable and cruel but it also happens to be a national sport. Brutal rape is an outgrowth of the accepted practice of date-rape, of not taking no for an answer. Punishing the one with hanging while tolerating the other is a nonsense.

Sex-and-violence sells newspapers: rape is the quintessential expression of sex with violence. This week's *Woman's Own* cover story represents no more than a cynical attempt to exploit women's suffering and milk the reservoir of women's rage for free, sensational copy. Its information value is nil.

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Shocking: but is there anything new behind the headlines?



'I'm grateful that I started at the bottom'

CLARE GUYER

feels that by starting at the bottom he gained a certain long-term advantage over his graduate colleagues. "I don't think going to university gives many people the ability to think on their feet", says Talbot. "And at least I have personally experienced how every department works".

Despite winning a scholarship to his minor public school and passing three A-levels, Talbot left school at 16 anxious to earn a living. He admits that it has been a hard slog to the top. "To be honest, I do regret not going to university because it might have meant that I could have joined a big agency right at the beginning instead of spending time



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# Yeats mystery unearthed

Where is the great Irish poet buried? The issue has been raised again in an unlikely setting



Yeats: a raised profile

W.B. Yeats has suddenly become topical in an unexpected spot — the French Riviera. Three years before the 50th anniversary of the poet's death, the house in which he died, at Cap Martin, across the bay from Monte Carlo, is to be sold for re-development. And, thanks to the late Princess Grace of Monaco, the tantalizing question of whether he is buried in nearby Roquebrune cemetery, or in Sligo, Ireland, "under bare Ben Bolben's head", will soon be re-examined.

As a tribute to his Irish-American wife, Princess Rainier established the Princess Grace Irish Library, a literary and cultural centre in Monaco. Next year, its annual symposium will be on "Yeats the European." Papers will be delivered about the mystical dreamer during his days in Spain, France, Switzerland, Italy and especially his winters spent in the Mediterranean.

Yeats died on January 28, 1939, in a building with peeling

paint and rusty plumbing, which would have disappeared, unphotographed and unremembered, had it not been for two of the library's trustees.

They tracked down the modest Hotel Idéal Séjour, and the small room, with its one large window with mosquito netting, opening out to a wrought-iron balcony looking out to the sea. This was Yeats's last mortal vision.

Yeats died in bed on a Saturday; it was many hours before Canon Tupper, the Anglican vicar in Monte Carlo arrived. The body was left in the room till Monday morning when it was taken up the hill to the Catholic chapel in Roquebrune.

The death certificate at the Mairie at Cap Martin is in the

name of "Butler, Yeats William," and all references to the burial have disappeared. The pages from the register are not to be found.

The Irish Government telegraphed condolences to Mrs Yeats and asked that the coffin should be returned to Ireland. Yeats had indicated that if he died in France he would like to be buried there. Later, he said, they could "dig him up".

Family and friends left France with plans to bring the coffin to Dramcliff, Sligo, via Galway, after the summer. In September, 1939, war broke out. So for nine years, Yeats remained in a dirt grave.

In 1948 the coffin was disinterred, but it was left in the cemetery chapel for five months. Finally, in September, an Irish Corvette arrived in Nice to take the coffin to Galway. But there were rumours that the French had dug up the wrong body, that Yeats was still in France and a certain Capitaine Guillaume had ended up in Ireland.

But wherever Yeats is, under Ben Bolben in Ireland or above Monte Carlo, the old willa in Cap Martin, remains — for a while. Perhaps, after all, the Yeatsian scholars, next May, can toast a jar or two in the room where he died.

Jillian Robertson  
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- 18 Serenely joyful (8)
- 21 In funds (7)
- 22 Can back (5)
- 23 Throw off (4)
- 24 Game (6)

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- 6 Particular (7)
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- 10 Not determined (10)
- 12 Sanity (4)
- 14 Permit (4)
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# Happily, your help could make all the difference between a healthy old age and infirmity

Contrary to popular thought, infirmity is not an inevitable result of old age. Indeed, medical research is today coming to terms with more and more traditional elderly ailments like senile dementia, incontinence, wasted muscles, fragile bones, hypothermia and loss of taste. We've every hope that one day soon these can be cured for good. But we need your help to carry on our work. Over £1,000,000 is already well invested in nearly 70 key projects. It's nowhere near enough. Please become a friend and help us make all the difference between a healthy old age and infirmity.



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HER: Shocking pink cotton cabled sweater £19.95, floral print voile skirt £32.95, voile headscarf £4.95, all from Monsoon, Covent Garden, W1. HIM: Fuschia and black patchwork patterned cotton sweater, £12.95, blue linen trousers, both from a selection at Malcolm Levene, 15 Chiltern Street, W1. Blue and white-bengal striped cotton shirt £17.99, from selected branches of Marks & Spencer around the country. His glasses from a selection at Dollond and Aitkenson



HER: Candy pink Fair Isle sweater £210, cream silk blouse £85, both from Edina Ronay at 141 King's Road, SW3. Liberty, W1 and Harvey Nichols, EW1. Cream pleated ankle length skirt £84, by Wild at Heart-Hyves, Kensington High Street, W8. HIM: Premier, Manchester and New Options, Bury St Edmunds. Pale straw hat £31, from Nicole Farhi, St Christopher's Place, W1. HIM: Blue and yellow Fair Isle sweater £49.50, khaki trousers £24.95, from S. Fisher, 18 The Market, Covent Garden, WC2

# Summer's last good buys



HER: Yellow cotton cardigan £118, yellow and black shirt £72, matching skirt £89, by Nicole Farhi, St Christopher's Place, W1. HIM: Yellow and black sweater £21.99, beige corduroy trousers £23.99, from Next for Men, South Molton Street, W1

Walk into the shops this week, and all you will find are pristine rails full of autumn collections of woolly coats and heavy sweaters. So contrary are British retailers that, at the height of the holiday season, the lesser spotted sundress is a rare find indeed.

The last of the summer buys, with the shops full of autumn clothes, needs to be a classic and one item that most wardrobes are crying out for at this time of year is a new lightweight cover-up. The best this year are traditional Fair Isle or cable sweaters knitted in cotton.

Since Benetton brightened up the high streets with a multi-coloured range of knitwear, cardigans and sweaters have become throw-over accessories, worn tied over the shoulders like a scarf to co-ordinate with cord trousers or cotton summer skirts. Their success seems to lie in our ever-changing British weather: she who dares to leave home sleeveless in the morning will return goose-pimpled and shivering by early evening.

Nicole Farhi, who designs for the Stephen Marks label, introduces knitwear to her collection with a mid-season

range which arrived in the shops at the beginning of this month. She is one of the few designers to do this extra collection. The Farhi shops seem to stock the right clothes at the right time. They change with the seasons, from tailored spring suits, crisp summer whites, through to bright mid-summer silks and the long languorous cabled cotton cardigans in the shops now.

Betty Jackson's cruise collection, designed to link our long winter to spring, fits perfectly into this difficult transition period. And more by luck than, I would think, logical judgement it arrives in the shops next week. The nautical navy blue and cream lightweight ribbed cotton jersey skirts, with long-lie cotton collegiate sweaters and gaberdine blazers, are perfect for September weather and will also come into their own in January.

The Next shops, catering for both men and women, have three phases to their autumn season and August sees the first wave of lightweight sweaters. The shape of the versatile cotton polo shirt for men is carried through into knitwear, teamed with

needlecord trousers and a summer jacket.

This summer sees men's fashions in a very elegant, English mood. Jackets are cut wide, in plain stub linens, and the colours are neutral allowing scope for bright Fair Isle sweaters or colourful abstract patterns. Dyed-in-the-wool English country gentlemen spurn the gaudy golfing styles that used to be the only alternative to the comfortable "Higgins" cardigan. So good hunting grounds for hand-knitted waistcoats, crew-neck sweaters and cardigans are the smaller designer shops that commission their own patterns.

S. Fisher in Covent Garden sell a wide range of country sporty styles, including Michael Ross's primary coloured Fair Isles. There is a boutique atmosphere at Malcolm Levene in Chiltern Street where cool wool pleat-front trousers in subtle houndstooth checks are sold with elaborately patterned jumbo-sized sweaters. This preppy look suits both sexes, so a team effort and clever clothes swapping should see you through to planning your autumn wardrobe.

Rebecca Tyrrel

## HAND KNITTED, DESIGNER STYLE

The recent boom in designer knitwear has revolutionized hand-knitting. You need to be an experienced knitter to make the traditional Fair Isles and Aran, but with the introduction of new yarns, the knitwear companies are producing brochures with more fashionable styles.

Designer fashion is the theme of the Christian de Falbe kits. His colour brochure features neutral coloured cotton knits with a definite summer feel. The sleeveless cardigans with

twisting cables and intricate lace-knit vest tops are fairly complicated, but beginners can cut their knitting needles on simple polo-collared tops and ribbed cricket sweaters. Patterns and yarn from Liberty, or by mail order from Studio Yarns, 97 Wakehurst Road, London SW11.

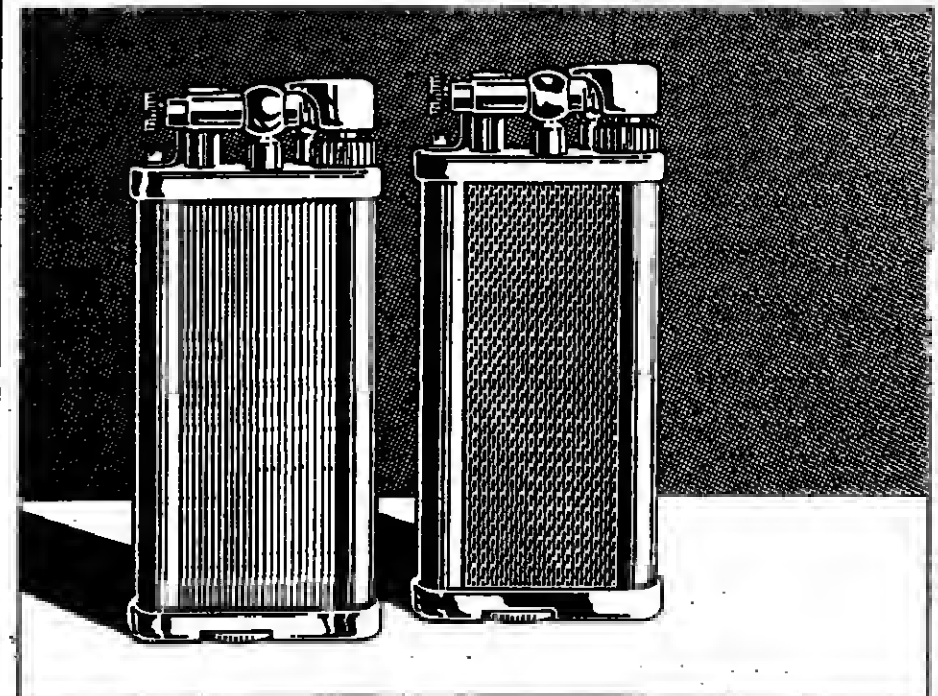
Ehrman are best known for their elaborate needlepoint designs. Transfer these tapestried patterns to an oversized cotton cardigan and you have a truly covetable garment. Knitting kits from

Ehrman at 21-22 Vicarage Gate, London W8.

The Designer Knitting book produced by Weedy Wools is packed full of fun ideas. Crunchy ribbed mini skirts in lemon and tangerine with zip-up tops and cut-away vests are for the young and slim, but there are softer Aran tunics in peaches and cream coloured yarns. The book costs 95p from House of Fraser stores.

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**OPENINGS**

● The ever expanding Next empire adds another branch to its tree tomorrow with the opening of the first Next Accessory shop at 69A Kings Road, SW3. The shoes are classic suede pumps adorned, of course, with Yorkie grosgrain bows, and belts in natural leather have matching sturdy bags for transporting your Next cosmetics. Whatever next?

● The chicest, highest shoes in town are designed by Claude Montana and Jean Paul Gaultier for Stephane Kelian whose first British shop has opened in Sloane Street, SW1. Woven leather pumps stand next to sassy suede zipped ankle boots on slabs of cool white marble. Prices start at £52.

"Binocular bag" £28.99, briefcase, £49.99



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Cashpoint flashpoint

Britain's 10,000 cash dispensing machines in banks could be shut down if a baronet succeeds in getting an injunction against the Queen's bankers Coutts and Co. Sir William Otho Jaffray has issued a writ against David Burdett Money-Coutts, chairman of Coutts, a NatWest subsidiary, claiming that the use of dispensers breaches the 1985 Companies Act. He maintains that as the machines do not require users to sign receipts for withdrawals, the transactions cannot be audited by accountants; therefore the bank is breaking the law. Sir William is bringing the action on behalf of a friend, Welsh computer consultant Richard Williams, who also claims a long-standing copyright on a transaction slip designed for this purpose. Williams claims that his copyright is worth £2 million, but has offered it for sale to investors for a mere £500,000. He is a "vexatious litigant" in the eyes of the law because of a crop of similar actions he has taken against the high street banks, and cannot start a legal action without permission from a judge. Sir William is only too happy to oblige as his family has a long-standing feud with the Money-Coutts family over disputed trust funds. Coutts refuses to comment.

Lèse-majesté

If there is indeed alienation between Mrs Thatcher and the Queen, author Leslie Cunliffe says it is not without precedent. In a new book, *Great Royal Disasters*, he recalls a Buckingham Palace garden party soon after Mrs T became prime minister. Seeing people waving, says Cunliffe, she (Mrs Thatcher) thought the adulation was for her, and waved back enthusiastically. This, he says, apparently irritated the Queen, who frostily withdrew into the palace, trailed by her corgis.

Bier delivery

Good news at last for the much-maligned undertaker concerning one of the profession's many occupational hazards - parking. As traffic congestion worsens, so the boys in black have found themselves obliged to do such unspeakable things as double park outside a cemetery and then hump a heavy coffin over the bonnet of an offending Cortina. At last a firm called Road Cones International has come to the rescue with a black and white plastic cone, tastefully embossed with a coffin, which can be set down outside churchyards and crematoria to deter stray vehicles. Small wonder that undertakers are delighted with the device, and that a sales boom is reported.



Better not tell Neville. He lives in hope of the '60s making a comeback.

IQ I do

"Exceedingly good looking 6ft 11in American entrepreneur, with Harvard MBA; seeks well-educated Englishwoman who wants a large family. Will consider relocating for the right woman." If this sounds like the man for you, then contact a new outfit called Gentlepeople, which describes itself as a lonely hearts club catering solely for the intellectual elite. Zeldis Fischer, the founder, is over here from Massachusetts to open a UK office, and for the immodest sum of £500 vows that she can fix customers up with a wide range of prospective partners whom she has personally vetted for their educational suitability. "We have been having a wedding a week for the past two or three months", she says. Clearly she is hoping that the fear of being left on the shelf will bring in the custom: "I read in *Newsweek* that unmarried women over 40 are more likely to be killed by terrorists than get married", she tells me. Still, I have my doubts about the value of the organization, and for one very good reason: although her own marriage is on the rocks, Ms Fischer refuses to avail herself of such services herself.

Expat and Mike

More news of Norman Tebbit's malishot to 100,000 British expatriates exhorting them to sign on the electoral roll. As you will remember, the response has so far been poor, to say the least. One reason for this may have been provided by Perry MacIntyre, a reader living in The Hague, who writes to say that despite extensive contacts among the British expat community, he knows of only one person who has received a Tebbit letter. And he is an Irish national.

PHS

Canberra The Australian economy - and with it Australian politics - are in crisis. Today Paul Keating, the Hawke government's tough, pragmatic young treasurer, will unveil the harshest and least socialist budget ever framed by a Labor government in Australia. Keating wants to slash the government deficit by billions of dollars, hoping that his cuts will be enough to check a run on the Australian currency which, since 1984, has fallen from 92 cents to the US dollar to a mere 60 cents.

The present trouble echoes Britain's in 1976 - a left-of-centre government faced by an amalgam of inflation, high interest rates, a balance of payments deficit and an uncertain deal with the unions. And, as in 1976, the Australians have suddenly realized how bad things are.

When Keating floated the Australian dollar in December 1983 he opened the door to a 35 per cent devaluation against the US dollar and a 55 per cent devaluation against the yen. He did not foresee that the rise in interest rates needed to check the outflow, as well as to cope with domestic inflation and increased borrowing, would triple the government's total indebtedness in a mere three years. The deficit on overseas trade is now equal to 7 per cent of gnp, and world financial centres seem to share Keating's fear of his country's becoming "a banana republic".

Labor may feel this is all very unfair. Australia is still a rich country with high wages and relatively low prices. Hawke has an able cabinet which has managed affairs competently in a scandal-free way since taking office in March 1983.

Why austerity is in store for Australia

by David Butler

He has maintained a high level of personal popularity against a notably unimpressive opposition. His consensual, middle-of-the-road approach has persuaded the unions, under successive "accords", to accept wage awards below the real increase in national income. He has presided over a growth rate which, until this year, averaged over 4 per cent. Unemployment is lower than in almost every European country and job creation higher.

Six weeks ago everyone took it for granted that when the election came, 18 months hence, Hawke and Labor would have no difficulty in securing a third term. Now you can get odds on a Liberal return to power.

A Thatcherite opposition has overtaken a moderate government in the polls not because of any basic ideological shift but because suddenly the country is seen to be in economic trouble; the party in office gets the blame. Daily front page stories about the plummeting Australian dollar appear to have panicked the electorate. A by-election in New South Wales two weeks ago saw a 17 per cent swing against Labor.

The opposition has done little to earn this turnaround in electoral opinion. It has exploited the widespread anti-union feeling but its simultaneous advocacy of the deregulation of wages and of a national wage freeze is hardly convincing. Its desire to dismantle the "accord" and to take on the remarkably moderate Australian council of trade unions is scarcely a recipe for setting the economy to rights, at least in the short run. And its espousal of a free market will do nothing to improve the terms of trade or help the beleaguered wheat farmers.

In addition, the Liberals' specific promises of lower taxes sit ill with unspecific promises of expenditure cuts. And their National Party allies, most notably the egregious premier of Queensland, Sir John Bjelke-Petersen, have some conflicting ideas which an anti-Labor coalition would have difficulty in reconciling. But with Labor in trouble and the sudden prospect of power, the Liberals have closed ranks.

Australia has prospered so long that today's chill economic winds will have sharp political repercussions. How do you get a

nation to accept a cut in its standard of living and and its disappointed expectations? Australians are being made painfully aware that the country's problems are world problems. There are no easy domestic solutions. Only about 15 per cent of exports are manufacturers; minerals and agricultural products, roughly equally, make up the rest. At a time of over-production, raw material prices are unlikely to rise. The problems of paying overseas creditors must grow, and living standards must fall.

The political consequences of presiding over that adjustment will be hard to manage. Electoral logic and economic logic are at odds. Australians seem about to learn, as the British have learnt over the last 25 years, that no party has an answer: the solutions devised in opposition are no more likely to work than those devised in government.

Both government and opposition hope the situation will generate a sense of crisis acute enough to legitimate the tough, if different, measures which each believes to be necessary. The maturity of Australian voters will be tested by their reactions to the exaggerated alternatives which government and opposition offer.

The economic choices are complex and not easy to understand. The Australian electorate, in the past extraordinarily stable in its loyalties, seems likely under the new pressures to show something of the volatility, the capacity for sharp (but sometimes short-term) swings that over the last generation, we have had to get used to in Britain. Australian politics are going to get more interesting. The author is a fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.

Alex Henney shows how privatization could be made to work

The way ahead for water

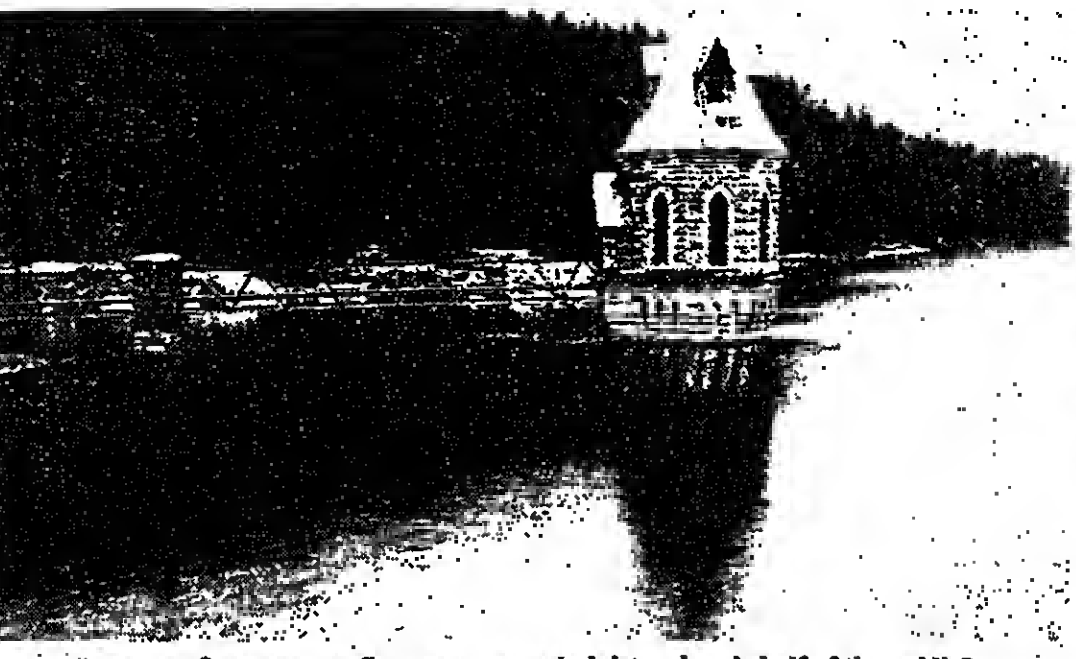
The proposal to privatize the regional water authorities originated in the objection last year by Roy Watts, chairman of the Thames Water Authority (TWA), to the government forcing up water prices for reasons which had nothing to do with the business and the interests of its customers, but a lot to do with reducing the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement. While the plan to sell off the authorities as normal profit motivated companies has been dropped, the original problem remains.

Over the past three years, at the government's behest, the TWA has increased its water rate by almost 25 per cent. Its profit in 1985/86 was £150 million on a turnover of £501 million - a staggering figure by any standards, let alone those of a financially riskless public monopoly. It not only financed all of its capital programme from cash but repaid £76 million of debt. As Watts commented, "The Treasury takes too much". By comparison, the privately owned Essex Water Company, which serves 1.4 million people, reduced its prices over the same period by 1 per cent, reflecting the benefit to customers of a staff-shedding reorganization. If the TWA was also a private statutory water company its rate would be a quarter lower.

TWA's exorbitant profit is the consequence of unbridled monopoly power exercised by and on behalf of the quasi owner, the government. The major part of the "profit" is a surrogate tax. The rationale, such as it is, for TWA's pricing is founded in the controls set out in the 1978 white paper *Nationalised Industries*. The Labour government of the day expressed concern that the financial performance of the state undertakings was often inadequate; that pricing policies, especially subsidies, were resulting in an inefficient allocation of resources; and that return on assets was lower than in the private sector, suggesting an inefficient use of capital.

The government introduced some financial controls and targets for an acceptable return on assets. But the white paper, a typical product of Whitehall, was short on crisp analysis and long on generalizations and ambiguities; it said, for example, that the "level of prices will be set in the light of general government policy" - an approach which allows change with the seasons, the phases of the moon, and the ministerial whims dressed up as pseudo science. The white paper claimed that "performance in relation to a financial target provides an effective discipline and is a measure of how well an industry is using its financial assets". While this is true of competitive industries, it is not true of a monopoly like water which can set any price it likes and achieve any target no matter how inefficient it is. Further, controlling prices by financial targets only affects the allocation of resources when customers have a choice, based on prices, of how much of a given product they will consume; as 80 per cent of the income from water and sewerage is not metered, but is based on the rateable value of properties, the charges have a minimal effect on how much water we choose to use.

The white paper's view that prices should be set "to cover costs, including the opportunity cost of capital" actually runs counter to what the government is doing. Most of the assets of a water authority have no other use than processing water and sewage, and so their "opportunity cost" - their value for other purposes - is small, and is in no way related to the cost of creating them. Water organizations, whether privately or publicly owned, raise funds to undertake works on behalf of their customers on the financial security of the revenue which the customers can be made to provide through the water rate. To claim that consumers should subsequently have to contribute to a profit on assets for which they have already paid is as fatuous as suggesting that we should pay building societies a percentage of the increased value of our homes. It is reprehensible that the government should use the monopoly power of a public service to levy a



A source of rampant profit - or a trust administered on behalf of the public?

tax. If politicians want to tax us through water they should do it openly, not through the back door with an undeclared tax dressed up in Whitehall sophistry. Any measure which removes operations from Whitehall's capricious incompetence is desirable provided that the interests of the public are safeguarded. Regrettably this aim was not foremost in the government's water privatization plans. It wanted to sell off the capital value of the undeclared tax to under-regulated profit-oriented companies that would have been motivated to lower the quality of service, minimize environmental spending, under-invest in the maintenance and development of their long-term assets and pollute rivers up to the allowed levels. Rather, the starting point for water privatization should be that a monopoly franchise to provide an essential public good is a privilege which should be exercised in the public interest.

The Essex and the 27 other existing private statutory water companies provide a model. They are financed by borrowing secured on their ability to raise a water rate, and do not have to earn profits in the usual sense of the word. By law, any surplus revenue is credited to reducing the following year's charges. The companies are akin to a break-even customer co-operative. While some are dozy, they have generally served their customers well to providing water more cheaply than the public water authorities and protecting them from the depredations of the Treasury. Their financial structure and lack of profit motive provides

a flexible framework that allows them to look after their assets and to spend money on financially unprofitable, but socially desirable, purposes such as improving the quality of river water and reducing pollution discharge into the sea near bathing beaches. The structure of the water companies should be updated and improved to allow them to diversify their activities, in particular to export skills and products and to tender for contracts overseas. They should also be able to offer incentive payments to management for achieving performance targets.

And they should be properly regulated. Before 1974 they had to justify their charges at public hearings, where customers and local authorities could challenge their spending; this procedure should be restored, as the abuses by the water authorities shows. We should have an independent water commission that operates openly and in the public interest to ensure that all suppliers are accountable to their customers, the public; that their spending is reasonable; that environmental standards are maintained and improved; and that customer complaints are independently arbitrated instead of being handled by the authorities' own consumer front organizations. This approach could also be relevant to privatizing other public utilities, such as electricity supply.

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Our Lady of the slum - miracle or hoax?

accompanied by St George or St Dimiana herself and, occasionally, she whispers "I am She, I am She".

Word of the visitation spread among the Copts, and hundreds of pilgrims now flock to the church every night. The men sit down stairs and the women in the gallery above. Here they pray and chant supplications, working themselves into a religious frenzy, while incense is swung and cymbals clash. The Coptic rituals, like the language of the church, go back to the traditions of ancient Egypt.

Miracles have been recorded: a man, blinded by metal splinters, who regained his sight; a crippled woman who picked up her crutches and walked. The list continues, each with a medical history appended. The Coptic Pope sent a delegation, who pronounced that a strange phenomenon was indeed taking place. Evidence has been gathered from Muslims, considered in this instance to be more reliable witnesses than Christians themselves.

Nothing of this has appeared in Egypt's daily press, except for one disparaging reference to boys playing with torches outside a church. Only the Coptic newspaper has carried the news in full. The Christians, who make up perhaps 6 per cent of the population, see the official silence as an example of their treatment as an oppressed minority.

It is more likely that the government wants to prevent large numbers of people collecting in an already overcrowded slum. As soon as the church began to attract crowds, a nightly cordon of security police sealed off the area, letting no one in or out between six in the evening and dawn the following day. An attempt to discredit the miracle was made by cutting off the electricity one night, but the plan misfired. Those present say the Virgin appeared anyway, to lighten the darkness and confound unbelievers. Officialdom has not always been unwilling to recognize the Virgin Mary. The last occasion she was said to have visited Egypt

regularly was in a church on the outer edge of Cairo after the defeat of the Egyptians in the 1967 war when, it was said, she was upset by the return of the Jews to Jerusalem. The government surrounded the church with chairs and charged an entrance fee. President Nasser himself visited the church by helicopter, but was said to have been unconvincing.

The majority of the Coptic faithful, whose Christianity is still in the age of miracles, regards talk of laser beams and holograms as blasphemous. Sophisticated Coptic journalists are more sceptical, possibly because the Virgin does not appear whenever journalists are in the congregation.

It all depends on faith. The revelation that a photograph of the Virgin is identical to one produced of her reputed appearances in Yugoslavia is, to the sceptic, proof of a put-up job. But to the believer it is confirmation of the authenticity of both the photograph and of the vision. The question of authenticity does not, in any case, alter the vision's most important effect. Millions of Christians are drawing comfort from the belief that, as the Islamic tide gathers strength, God has not entirely forsaken them.

Kate Finch

Digby Anderson

Facts that stay concealed

Aids deaths will soar if "something" is not done soon. Within six years, according to a recent *British Medical Journal* editorial, deaths per month will be the equivalent of the crash of a fully-loaded jumbo jet.

According to the College of Health, the "something" which will stop this is information. The college may be right, but it is not the only voice advocating information. More generally, among progressive persons, information-giving is regarded as a "positive" step. They want it spread in campaigns about, for example, Aids and homosexuality, funded by the taxpayer and they want it to be explicit, describing sexual acts in the language of those who indulge in them.

Conversely, what is commonly viewed as "negative" is a "moral panic" with or without "hounding" of homosexuals. The tabloid newspapers are alleged to have encouraged both, so much so that it once seemed that they, rather than the disease, were, far progressive persons, the problem.

There is much to question in this account. Health educationists have been aware for more than a decade that supplying mere information does not necessarily change attitudes, let alone behaviour. Furthermore when it does, it often does so in unforeseen directions. One wonders, therefore, why information is seen so uncritically as the answer.

The reason, perhaps, is because it can play another role. Information-giving was part of that Sixties rhetoric of getting things out into the open, replacing old-fashioned fears, judgments, stigma and morality with "facts". It is becoming increasingly clear that this game is still being played with the aim of preventing, at any cost, Aids being seen as a moral issue. Now that progressive persons are themselves panicking a little, we see that what they really objected to was a moral panic: they do not mind a medical panic or indeed a panic about lack of information.

The attempt to suppress the moral aspects of Aids won't work, as anyone who looks at leaflets such as those from the Terrence Higgins Trust can see. They purport to tell homosexuals which practices are safe, which dangerous, and are aggressively explicit - even flaunting their explicitness.

We are told that anal sex of any variety - and there are several - is very risky even with a condom. Deep kissing and oral sex are not safe. Homosexuals appear to get up to a range of other bizarre and revolting practices which are particularly unsafe if the skin is broken.

The pamphlets claim that "with a little care and knowledge you can still enjoy sex and life and be sure of staying healthy". But their long

list of dangerous practices leaves next to none which are safe - solo masturbation, talking fantasies and sex toys (as long as they are not shared).

The conclusion they should have reached is that more or less all homosexual practice is dangerous. Why are they so explicit in their descriptions of sexual activity but so coy in their conclusion?

Similarly, they are unable to confront the logic of their own "facts" about partners. Simply proposing that homosexuals should be "cutting down" on the number of them. But if information is good, why not spell it out clearly? To be safe, the numbers should be cut down to one.

To show that I am not, yet, hounding homosexuals, I stress the same coyness could be found in the Health Education Council's advice to heterosexuals anxious to avoid venereal diseases. It, too, suggests keeping the number of partners "down" but does not suggest reduction to monogamy or chastity. Why not? Could it be that such a conclusion would be uncomfortably close to that fuddy-duddy Judeo-Christian sexual ethic that progressives sought to bypass with their "information"?

The pamphlets cannot even bring themselves to accept the message of their own facts - a profoundly gloomy one for homosexuals - when it comes to headlines and tone. One pamphlet, much illustrated with happy homosexuals, starts "Sex is great" and invites its readers to change habits and discover "new dimensions of sex and excitement". What new dimensions - solitary sex toys?

The truth is that these pamphlets are not "explicit" at all in their conclusions. They shy away from informed conclusions. Perhaps because, for once, their information, rather than replacing traditional morality, supports it. This is the lesson of Aids which the progressives cannot take. They fear that the disease will soon claim its most important and deserving victim, the sexual progressivism which has spread it.

Despite talk of the "gay community", homosexuals have never been a homogeneous group. With Aids, the clear distinction is between those who threaten others by promiscuity and not disclosing their infection and the monogamous and chaste. The same applies to heterosexuals. The danger comes from the promiscuous of both inclinations. Why should society not protect itself by hounding them a little?

Might it not also, with some justification, be the Sixties prophets of sexual freedom out of their retirement and call them to account for encouraging others to promiscuity? The author is Director of the Social Affairs Unit.

moreover... Miles Kington

Reckoning up Auld Reekie

I sometimes feel that I'm about the only person in Edinburgh not running an award scheme at Festival time, so today I am going to put that right. Herewith, my list of the best and worst from the past 10 days.

Newest Restaurant in Edinburgh: A Greek restaurant in Cockburn Street called The Meteora, which has been open for two weeks. I'm not saying it's the best, just the newest, though the Greek salads are pretty vast.

Soon-to-be-the-newest restaurant in Edinburgh: The Pizza Hut in Cockburn Street, which won't be open for another four weeks, it says, or until just after Festival closes. As a result, it also gets the prize for the Worst Time To Open a Restaurant.

Only Fringe Company Which Has Its Venue At Home: The Edinburgh medical lads, who put on their show in the hospital. Best Place for Second-hand 78s in Edinburgh: Gramophone Emporium in St Stephen's Street.

Most Interesting Culinary Development in Scotland: This prize goes to Ibrox Park football ground in Glasgow, where they have decided that if they cannot improve the football, at least they can improve the catering, and have replaced the half-time meats with quiches, pizzas, etc.

A man recently who once worked for a big meat pie firm told me recently that pies for the Scottish market always contained less meat and more potatoes and filling. When he asked why the Scots were getting short measure, his boss told him he didn't understand the situation. "These are not for eating, lad. They're for throwing."

Best Theatre of Violence Event: Also awarded to Rangers, for their performance on August 9, when they came to Edinburgh to open the season against Hibs and played so bruisingly under their new captain, Graeme Souness, that there was a bloody fight involving 21 of the players (one of the goalies didn't join in) and Souness was sent off. The point of the drama seemed to be that whereas in England the fans go out of control, in Scotland they manage to confine the punch-ups to the pitch. This was not strictly part of the Fringe, but the award is well deserved for total commitment.

Best Free Show: Brian Matthews' nightly live Radio 2 broadcast, with the best of the Fringe, from

the Caledonian Hotel, public welcome. Best Brainwave of 1986: To That's Entertainment, a firm from St Albans, for having had the brilliant idea of turning a train into a hotel. On Platform 16 at Waverley Station they have hired an entire sleeper train with buffet, you just turn up and get a berth and breakfast for £15. So far it's not been full any night, and the sleeper is guaranteed not to go anywhere. I almost wish I hadn't got digs already.

Nicest Venue in Edinburgh: Queen's Hall, an elegant grey-painted former church which, with its pillars and curved wooden gallery, has overtaken an old-fashioned Test cricket ground. This year they have classical music in the mornings, Harvey and the Wallbangers late, and some very good jazz at weekends. Also Mel Calman's cartoon show. Also genuine 18th century snacks. Also some of the best food in Edinburgh. I have not been paid a penny to say this.

Best Show Involving a Tombstone Which Lights Up At Night: Ben Keaton in *Intimate Memoirs of an Irish Taxidermist* at the Assembly Rooms, and a grand show it is. Most Amazing Musical Instruments in the Festival: The exhibition by the Fringe Club at the Reid Concert Hall.

Most Alcoholic Musical Instruments in the Festival: Those belonging to the Brighton Boile Orchestra. Best Story About A Bank Hold-Up In Milton Keynes: Arnold Brown.

Best Sicilian Patisserie in Edinburgh: The Sicilian Patisserie in Albert Street, just across the road from Pilgrim Park, where they sell the loveliest fattening things around.

Best Japanese Restaurant in Edinburgh: Aye Restaurant. Nicest Thing To Do in All Edinburgh: Go to the Café Royal at a quiet moment and eat fish sitting up at their bar.

Show: A Most Looking Forward To: The Canny Hole, at the Festival Club. Feature of Edinburgh Which Is Slowest To Change: Colour of the traffic lights.

Fringe Show Which Other People Are Most Hoping Will Fail: The Time Out late-night chat show. Most Incomprehensible, Violent and Repetitive Show in Edinburgh: The Tattoo.



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Although it is not easy to picture the families of today on an outing taking part in his-in-the-ring, the liking of the public for pageantry, bands, and dancing remains largely unchanged.

THE FORESTERS' FETE

Yesterday was the great "outing" festival, and general holiday of the Most Ancient Order of Foresters at the Crystal Palace, and though it was in numbers rather below the average of these annual displays, it was still a great gathering, and all passed off with the utmost success.

The visitors came both by road and rail. In spite of all the drawbacks of increased fares, however, the rail was by far the more extensively patronised, the trains were literally thronged as fast as they came up, and until a late hour of the day hundreds at all the intermediate stations were left behind for want of room.

At the Palace the first proceeding of the day was a procession which was made from the cricket ground at 10 o'clock. This as to time was executed with tolerable punctuality, but as to pageantry it was on the whole deficient. The elements of processional grandeur were very weak.

Sanctions debate From Sir Neil Pritchard Sir, You were certainly right (leading article, August 4) to take a critical view of the moralising over this issue. Of course there is a moral aspect to it. But the moral campaign has served (has perhaps been deliberately used) to draw attention away from the central dimension of the problem.

Doctor of the Church From Mr Cyril Davies Sir, With his characteristic skill in innuendo, Lytton Strachey used the "moving story", as you describe it in today's leader (August 12), of the aged Henry Newman "in floods of tears" near his old vicarage at Littlemore to suggest that Newman bitterly regretted his break with the Church of England.

Verbal shorthand From Colonel R. L. Bell Sir, At least Mrs Bell (August 11) was understood, albeit belatedly. As a medical student, I was less fortunate in telegraphing my doctor parents: "Got Rubella meet. 2.15". After three miserable hours of imposed quarantine in a cold lugeage was not amused by not being met, and not at all learning that my brother had failed to pass the message on, comfortable in the certainty that having backed a winner I could easily afford a taxi.

THE VOTES IN BALLOTS

Mr Neil Kinnock's campaign to present the Labour party as a respectable contender for office - a campaign which has enjoyed considerable, if sometimes uncritical, success - has just encountered a little local difficulty. As so often, moreover, that difficulty can be traced to the party's relationship with the trade union movement.

At its annual conference next month, the TUC will be holding a debate on the proposals of the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee on industrial law and, until this weekend, the debate was expected to celebrate the movement's return to moderation. Ratified there, the industrial law document would have then proceeded to a second ceremonial endorsement at the Labour conference amid general applause.

That acceptance is important on several grounds. It would, first, establish that, when forced to choose between two versions of workers' rights, Labour had finally come down on the side of individual over collective rights.

There should, of course, be no real contradiction between these two concepts. Unless workers have the right as individuals to determine how their collective rights shall be exercised, they are not exercising them at all. They are merely standing by while

union officials exercise them in their name. And if union officials exercise such rights against the wishes of their members, those members are being conscripted for someone else's private cause.

Ultimately, we can only be sure that union members approve of some action, taken in their name, if they vote for it in an atmosphere free from coercion. In endorsing ballots, therefore, Mr Kinnock and the TUC-Labour liaison committee were voting to accept a more exacting definition of trade union democracy.

And because union decisions have important economic consequences, the public has an interest in ensuring that they are not taken lightly or against the wishes of union members. This is particularly so since the mass of union members will usually prove more moderate than union leaders who must work within a tradition of respect for militancy. More democratic decisions are thus likely to prove more moderate.

Labour has resisted this logic in the past. And union leaders have argued that such restraints as strike ballots, in addition to being unnecessary, would blunt the strike weapon to the disadvantage of labour in industrial relations. It is easier, however, to resist a theoretical reform than to overturn a popular fact. And of all the reforms introduced by the present government, secret strike ballots seem to be the most popular. Hence the acceptance of them by a Labour and TUC leadership with its eyes fixed firmly on the next election.

But the longstanding TUC

preference for "collective rights" is not dead. Looking ahead to the TUC debate, the Transport and General Workers' Union proposes deleting a reference to the statutory right of workers "to have an individual secret ballot before being asked to participate in industrial action." It does so on the grounds that such a broad endorsement of ballots would outlaw spontaneous walk-outs over workplace disputes.

As the TGWU's opponents in the TUC have pointed out, that seems to be an unnecessary objection. Existing law only insists upon a ballot for a strike which has been officially called by a union. Spontaneous walk-outs, by their very nature, cannot be restrained in that way. But the requirement that ballots must be held if the union proposes subsequently to make such walk-outs official is both a useful incentive for second thoughts and a protection against militants engineering such walkouts as a device to evade prior ballots.

The TGWU's Mr Ron Todd seems to accept this. His union's amendment, therefore, looks disingenuous. While apparently directed at a threat which doesn't exist, it would have the general effect of weakening the Labour-TUC conversion to the secret ballot principle both in the public mind and perhaps after an election. Fudging that conversion would awaken old fears about Labour's more general conversion to moderation. If Mr Kinnock is wise, he will reaffirm Labour's commitment to ballots in unmistakable terms.

GREEN BUT NOT PLEASANT

Middle-class, middle-aged hooligans from middle-England have to be considered in the same light as urban youths blockading a housing estate or Greenham women stopping the movement of missile conveyors. Is "hooligan" too strong a description for the respectable people who took to the roads yesterday, to stop equally respectable geologists, acting with full Parliamentary authority, from setting up their rigs on public property? Answer yes, and a breach is made in the fabric of lawfulness.

The lout who smashes milk bottles in the road to prevent the passage of police cars is ostentatious in his contempt for the peace. The protesters around Greenham and Molesworth self-evidently put their personal convictions before the national defence. Is some exception to be made for the comfortable inhabitants of mid-Bedfordshire or west Lincolnshire who put their local interests above national policy, property arrived at, and upset the peace by preventing Nirex contractors going about their business?

Some of the protesters against drilling and survey

work on the four sites chosen by the Department of the Environment as candidates for a long-term dump for radioactive waste are not amenable to argument. Their concern for any factual account of the safety involved in burying low-level wastes in clay pits is small. The mere mention of the word "radioactive" is enough to send reason spinning.

But some are saying that they have been denied proper procedure in the process by which these sites were selected and so are justified in disturbing the peace. Their case, while it deserves a hearing, has no merit. Nuclear waste exists in volume and is daily being augmented - not least by X-ray diagnosis and treatment. It will have to be disposed of. The tips of Cumberland will soon be full. Alternative dumps will have to be found, and Nirex's criteria for eligibility (demographic as well as geological) have pointed to the four sites now about to be appraised in detail.

The Government has said that once one has been chosen an inquiry will be held under the Town and Country Planning Acts. Until then all

research is preliminary. The drilling rigs are temporary. The drilling season is confined to the summer and early autumn. It was in order for the Government to use the procedure of a Special Development Order to allow the test drilling to take place speedily.

Those orders were the subject of a full House of Commons debate with, at its conclusion, a whipped vote. Parliamentary democracy was in other words allowed to run its course. Parliament's decision on the SDOs is as legitimate as Parliament's decision to subvert the farmers of Lincolnshire or electrify the rail lines used by Bedfordshire commuters.

Nirex contractors yesterday beat a retreat in the face of protest. Chief constables in the respective counties must, of course, be allowed discretion in how their men are used to uphold the peace. But Nirex has indicated its intention of going to court to secure injunctions to gain access to the sites. If the demonstrators show themselves to be persistent hooligans the day may soon come when the police will have to act and clear the roads - in the green sires as in the back streets of the city.

ONE SMALL STEP

The passage of the first Soviet-Israeli talks for 19 years was always going to be turbulent. The priorities of the Soviet Union and Israel were so different: Moscow interested above all in re-establishing formal relations, Israel wanting the Kremlin to improve the lot of Soviet Jews. Small wonder, then, that the first session lasted no longer than 90 minutes. It was a minor achievement, perhaps, that further talks were planned at all.

The more public this week's talks had become, the greater the opportunity had been for doubters, on both sides, to make their misgivings felt. They were most public in Israel where the Soviet human rights campaigner and former prisoner, Anatoly Shcharansky, lent his voice to the call for no relations without freer emigration.

Israel, Shcharansky said with all the weight of his bitter experience, should not treat with Moscow except for an acceptable return. And he had massive support. The number of Soviet Jews now living in Israel - the fruits of the US-Soviet detente a decade ago - makes them a powerful lobby and the cause of Soviet Jews refused permission to emigrate is one any Israeli government has to take seriously.

Then there was the question of need. Was Israel's position such that it really needed to talk to Moscow? The talks

constituted an acknowledgement, doubtless welcome in Israel, that formulating a Middle East policy without including Israel was an impossibility. But the state of Israel had survived and been strengthened without help from the Soviet Union. Israel was in a position to name its price, and as the days went by that price became associated increasingly with the demand for emigration.

There are also likely to have been doubters, less publicity-minded but no less influential, in the Kremlin. For Moscow to decide to deal openly with Israel was a bold move and not without risk. It was a concession to political realities in the Middle East, but it was also a change of policy - a policy which had been pursued steadfastly by the pre-Gorbachov leaderships and which had arguably worked to Moscow's advantage in its relations with many of the Arab countries.

The interval between the announcement of the Helsinki talks and their opening would have allowed attitudes in the Kremlin to harden, no less than in Israel. The increased emphasis placed on talks about a minor matter, property belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church in Jerusalem, suggested a concern on the part of Soviet spokesmen to limit the damage.

Mr Gorbachov has got away with some startling changes in

Soviet foreign policy, but the Jewish question is more delicate than most. It is so emotionally charged, thanks to Russian and Soviet history, and Jewish emigration arouses such suspicion and such envy that talking to almost any other country, including erstwhile communist heretics like China and Albania, would have been an easier decision. There was bound to be opposition.

Yesterday's meeting produced no agreed agenda for the future, only a presentation of viewpoints. Its one tangible result was agreement to convene further talks outside the glare of international publicity. But it would be incorrect to say that the exchanges in Helsinki, brief though they were, produced neither winners nor losers.

For Soviet officials to go to Helsinki to talk to the Israelis was an admission that the Kremlin's earlier policy had failed, or at least was no longer applicable. They needed a result in the form of consular links or a promise to that effect. They have returned to Moscow not quite empty-handed but with no promises either. Their Israeli interlocutors, on the other hand, have returned with tacit recognition from Moscow (in that the meeting was held at all) and with their demand for freer Jewish emigration intact. They will be well pleased.

Hidden crisis of world's refugees

From the Director of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Sir, Your timely and sympathetic leading article, Seas of Hope (August 15), is to be applauded and the action of the Canadian authorities rightly commended.

However, for the great majority of the world's refugees there is no hope at all of permanent settlement in a third country - and, least of all, an industrialised state. These men, women and children, many of whom are very old or very young, are increasingly the victims of war and civil disorder. Certainly, long-term refugees are the hapless sufferers in human-made crises, since those who have crossed an international boundary to escape a natural disaster are more often able to return home after a relatively short period of time. For the victims of war and civil strife the opposite is largely true.

The world today has over 10 million refugees registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). He it is who has been given the prime role in ensuring protection for refugees; in providing them with their immediate needs and, where necessary, their longer-term requirements; in seeking to negotiate their possible repatriation or, where this is not possible, their permanent acceptance in a country other than their own; and in providing relevant training so that they can become productive citizens of wherever their final home is.

Clergy's future

From Mr Derek Wilson Sir, As a member of the Church of England's "suffocatingly compact ecclesiastical parliament", I write to support warmly Nicolas Stacey's critique of the religious establishment (August 11). The introverted little world of General Synod, its party rivalries, personal ambitions and clerical cynicism are worthy the pen of a latter-day Trollope.

Yet Mr Stacey's surgery does not cut to the root of the cancer, perhaps, because even his perception is limited by his loyalty to his profession. The malignant growth sapping the energy of the body ecclesiastic is its lamentably sub-standard parish clergy.

This is not because the quality of candidates is poor or because the selection process favours the mediocre. Many men serving curacies and first locumencies possess spiritual insight, stamina and vision. What defeats them unless they are constantly vigilant, is an antiquated system which gives them security and (within their own little world) status, without accountability.

No matter how badly a parish priest does his job, no matter how rapidly his congregation may dwindle, no matter how out of touch he may be with the local people, no matter how barren his own spiritual life may become, he cannot be moved; by salary, his house, his job, his pension are secure.

The natural tendency, especially when suffering discouragement and disillusion, is for him to do the bare minimum. I have worked closely with scores of clergy over the years and have been struck over and over again by an incompetence and lack of commitment that would not be tolerated in any lay profession.

Nor is it only laziness that the system encourages. So many

Today we have a "world record" of refugees - a tragedy of which none of us can feel proud. The high commissioner is in need of adequate resources to cope with these unprecedented demands, but is still fearfully short of securing them, being, as he is, dependent almost entirely on the voluntary contributions of UN member states. As a result he has had to turn to this association in the UK and to other organisations elsewhere with a plea that we launch emergency appeals to help him find this shortfall.

May I urge through your columns a great outcry by concerned people that our Government should take a lead in co-ordinating a programme of seeking increased immediate support for the UNHCR before the runs so short of funds that death starts to stalk the refugee camps of the world and we suddenly find that it becomes politically necessary to respond as the media unravel the gruesome story before us?

Prevention is, indeed, so much better than cure and a timely response now would ensure a far smoother passage for the world's refugees as they try to gain a greater stability and security in their lives.

Yours sincerely, MALCOLM HARPER, Director, United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 3 Whitehall Court, SW1, August 15.

clergy lose their sense of purpose. From this, in turn, stem psychological disorders and domestic upheaval (both reaching alarming proportions among the clergy today).

The debilitating parochial system is supported, at least at the Catholic end of the church, by a doctrine of priesthood which stresses mystique and status above quality. The priest, it asserts, is a man set twixt heaven and earth, indelibly marked by God with a "character" that puts him above criticism. This theory of privilege is not only nonsense, it is dangerous nonsense. It makes difficult any effective collaboration between clergy and people, undermines any concept of "shared ministry", has caused frustration for large numbers of active lay men and women and has driven many out into other denominations and the house church movement.

It is the more reactionary clergy who, thanks to the voting procedures of the General Synod, dominate the House of Clergy and, to a lesser extent, the "clericalised" House of Laity and effectively stifle any progressive measures.

Mr Stacey is right when he calls for "radical" changes. I suggest three more to add to his list: abolish the parson's frehold, thus making clergy more accountable to the rest of the laos; change synodical representation and voting procedures so as to deny clergy the automatic right of veto; and banish medieval doctrines of priesthood which have probably done more than anything else to distance the clergy of the Church of England from the people of England.

Yours etc, DEREK WILSON, Codecombe House, Cuckmere, Somerset, August 11.

World of learning

From Mrs Shirley Lewin Sir, Those of your readers who are not able to divine unprinted words may have been mystified by my reference in my "Learning not to be drones" (August 14) to "Michael Oakeshott's epitome" of Sir Ernest Barker's experience in school. Since you did print my suggestion that every politician and teacher should memorize it, may I now supply them with the text?

There, in school, the narrow boundaries of the local and contemporary were swept aside to reveal, not what might be going on in the next town or village, but in Parliament or in the United Nations, but a world of things and persons and happenings, of languages and beliefs, of utterances and sights and sounds past all imagination and to which even the dullest could not be wholly indifferent.

The going was hard: there was nothing to be got without learning how to get it, and it was understood that nobody went to school in order to enjoy the sort of happiness he might get from lying in the sun. And when with inky fingers a schoolboy unpacked his satchel to do his homework, he unpacked a world of things and persons and happenings, of languages and beliefs, of utterances and sights and sounds past all imagination and to which even the dullest could not be wholly indifferent.

Yours faithfully, SHIRLEY LEWIN, 3 New Terrace, NW1, August 14.

Asthma deaths

From Dr E. N. Wardle Sir, Since asthma (feature, August 11, 12) is an allergy, it is not without significance that many patients with refractory asthma turn out to be keeping a dog or a cat in their home and that they can be shown to be sensitive to the animal's fur. Under such circumstances therapy can hardly be expected to be successful. Unfortunately, kindly paediatricians, because of their belief in emotional factors, are often reluctant to be firm about the facts. Yours faithfully, E. N. WARDLE, 33 Hawthorn Gardens, Kenton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Good for business

From Mr Christopher Longmore Sir, As chairman of a very small business I attend various meetings organised locally. They are addressed regularly by both Civil Servants and bankers. The Civil Servants, with a few honourable exceptions, have no real knowledge of what really goes on day-to-day in the small-business world. The same goes for the bankers.

A bank manager friend lamented to me that his employer would not allow him a year's sabbatical to go and work in industry. Many small businesses, as included, would have been delighted to have welcomed him as a part-time non-executive director. We would even have been prepared to pay something towards the cost of his time.

I doubt we are alone in this view. Larger companies, I suspect, would similarly welcome such a scheme, but on a full-time employee basis.

Surely it is time that there was a concerted effort to facilitate this kind of mutually beneficial exchange. What better place to start than the clearing banks? Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER LONGMORE, Chairman, 45 Computing Ltd, 25 The Nursery, High Street, Sun on Courtyards, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, August 14.

Looking askance

From Dr H. Lister Wilson Sir, The suggestion by the Chairman of the Institute of Commerce (August 12) that station names be placed on platforms is very welcome for those travelling facing forward, but I suggest it would be more helpful if two name boards were used in chevron formation. In this way there would be two chances of reading the name and for those travelling with their backs to the engine at least one opportunity. Yours faithfully, H. LISTER WILSON, Aptreccs, Varteg, Gwent, August 14.

Grammar test in schools

From the President of the Historical Association Sir, I write to lend the support of the Historical Association to the pressure for the setting up of an independent enquiry into the teaching of English language in schools.

Your report (August 12) of the unresponsive way in which the teaching profession's leaders have reacted to the proposals from Her Majesty's Inspectorate for the teaching of grammar (long overdue along with the apparent climb-down by the inspectorate, demonstrates that neither the inspectors (despite their intentions), nor the teachers' leaders (not to be confused with their rank-and-file), nor "educationists" (a numerous band) can be left to solve this serious problem.

The decline in the teaching of English language is leaving many students at entry to university unable to express themselves easily in writing because they are uncertain about grammar and spelling. This has led to the undermining of the study of all disciplines which use essay work as a test of knowledge, ability and originality. Even some British students of first-class potential are retarded by English language deficiency.

If such is the effect upon the brightest group of school pupils, the effect of poor English-language teaching upon the less able is not difficult to guess.

Pressure upon the secretary of state is now also building up for the introduction of a compulsory common-core arts/science curriculum, which all pupils aged 14-16 would be required to study in school as a basis. The Historical Association has submitted a draft syllabus which would require all 14-16-year-olds to learn about the course of British history during the twentieth century, giving them an awareness of the background to present-day institutions of government and influence and to contemporary problems.

We tend to forget that these boys and girls are expected, within two years of leaving school, to act and vote as fully knowledgeable citizens. But if such a 14-16 common-core curriculum, ranging over several arts and science subjects, is to be effective, it must assume pupils to be securely literate and numerate by age 14. Parents have always expected this; but they are coming to realise that they cannot take it for granted.

Yours etc, DONALD READ, President, The Historical Association, 59a Kensington Park Road, SE11, August 13.

Sanctions debate

From Sir Neil Pritchard Sir, You were certainly right (leading article, August 4) to take a critical view of the moralising over this issue. Of course there is a moral aspect to it. But the moral campaign has served (has perhaps been deliberately used) to draw attention away from the central dimension of the problem. It is to do with power. For 100 years power in South Africa has been held by the white minority. The "abolition of apartheid" means the transfer of that power to the black majority. Such a fundamental and traumatic change is bound to be difficult in any circumstances.

If it is to be "immediate" it can only be brought about by revolution - i.e., chaos and violence. Naturally some of the black leaders, seeing that the achievement of power in the near future may be within their grasp, are impatient to use any device to secure it. But it is by no means self-evident that a violent revolution would be in the interests of anyone else - or morally justifiable.

There have in the past been instances of a peaceful transfer of power - for example, the transfer of power away from the landed aristocracy in 19th-century England. It may be optimistic to hope that such a process of change can be evolved in South Africa; but at least it seems premature deliberately to throw the possibility away, when the alternative is, in human terms, so disagreeable. Yours sincerely, NEIL PRITCHARD, Little Garth, Dagingworth, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, August 8.

Doctor of the Church

From Mr Cyril Davies Sir, With his characteristic skill in innuendo, Lytton Strachey used the "moving story", as you describe it in today's leader (August 12), of the aged Henry Newman "in floods of tears" near his old vicarage at Littlemore to suggest that Newman bitterly regretted his break with the Church of England.

This story loses much of its force, however, if read in the light of Hilaire Belloc's reminiscence, cited by his most recent biographer, Mr A. N. Wilson, of Newman's habit of sweeping into a classroom at the Oratory School and disconcerting the boys "first, by making them recite some favourite passage of Virgil, and then by bursting into a flood of tears at its poetic poignancy", which suggests that sentimental tears came easily to the Cardinal's eyes.

Yours faithfully, CYRIL DAVIES, Barrot, Brynhafoed Road, Oswestry, Shropshire, August 12.

Verbal shorthand

From Colonel R. L. Bell Sir, At least Mrs Bell (August 11) was understood, albeit belatedly. As a medical student, I was less fortunate in telegraphing my doctor parents: "Got Rubella meet. 2.15". After three miserable hours of imposed quarantine in a cold lugeage was not amused by not being met, and not at all learning that my brother had failed to pass the message on, comfortable in the certainty that having backed a winner I could easily afford a taxi. I have the honour to be, Sir, your servant, R. L. BELL, The Belfry, Potters Lane, Send, Woking, Surrey.

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# THE ARTS

## Television The soft touch

Until last night's episode, *Fighting Back* (BBC1) had struck me as one of the best drama serials in ages. The first two hours were funny, boisterous and refreshingly bad-tempered. Viv Sharpe, heading for Bristol, fleeing from everything, holding on to two children, trying to lose two husbands, was an embodiment of something comic in all of us, proof of life as a conspiracy theory, that we are being picked on by the entire world.

The magical, rather original thing about Viv is that she simply is not very bright. When she is cornered she abandons common sense and logic and smarts. In Hazel D'Comar's winningly sentimental performance, she is a dowdy, heavily-built, flashing-eyed oddball, hunched up and defiant, beautiful only in rare moments of repose, through caked layers of sweat and dirt.

But last night she started to become radiant and soft-hearted, suffused by a grubby earnestness, thanking her nice, well-spoken Indian lover for a matched moment or two in his arms. In the previous episode she showed big eyes of hers and sized the man up in an instant and, although he was plausible and she liked him, he had the measure of him. So there was something in the tone of last night's post-ital thank-you that was winningly off-key. I agree that I would have happened, but I would not have gushed.

Dramatists who are good at being funny, who engage us through a dislocation of common sense, often feel the need to know their gift aside as the story grows increasingly serious, as if laughter is trivial and actions. It is as if the characters suddenly wise up to what the author really wants, and they get sober and start to reach. One of Alan Bleasdale's huge achievements in *Boys from the Blackstaff* was that he did almost exactly the reverse. Gareth Jones got *Fighting Back* off to a cracking start. But I dread Viv Sharpe becoming a glib and earnest urban crusader, heading for rhetoric and poetry and the hissing of a microphone.

Andrew Rissik

## Opera at the European festivals: Paul Griffiths reports on the world premiere of Penderecki's *Die schwarze Maske* at Salzburg and Roger Warren on *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* in Munich

# Expressionism crudely debased

This is the kind of opera where a hunchbacked servant (inevitably the role is for a character tenor) comes hobbling to the front of the stage to the accompaniment of an organ and shrieks "Der Antichrist!". It is the kind of opera where the heroine has to go about for much of the time with arms stretched ahead of her and head thrown back, wearing a crazed look in her eyes. It is the kind of opera where tumultuous flourishes from the percussion alternate with 17th-century dance music, and where an unsexed chorus keeps coming on heavy with the "Dies irae". It is, in short, debased Expressionism, and it is what Penderecki has ravaged from Gerhart Hauptmann's one-act play *Die schwarze Maske*.

Written in 1928, the play belongs to Hauptmann's second phase of more symbolist dramas. A very varied group of people are drawn together to lunch with a Silesian mayor in 1662, just after the Thirty Years' War: there is a prince of the Roman church, a Lutheran pastor, a Jesuit, a Huguenot and a Jew, but what disturbs the party is not so much their religious differences as the hostess's nasty past and the host's nasty present. His liberality, we learn, has been made possible by profits from the slave trade; her

odd behaviour is explained by the fact that, unknown to her present husband, she had a child by a black slave and is still sexually obsessed by the child's father.

The intrusion of Africa into the score is potent: there is a stark contrast between the fierce drumming that enters about a third of the way through this 100-minute single act and the sometimes skittish, sometimes relentless, perpetual motu of the main substance. And the most effective moment in the whole opera comes at the very end, when the slave beats his tattoo for a *dance macabre* executed by nearly all the cast, only the Jewish merchant, excellently acted and sung by Günter Reich, is left as observer of the tragedy.

But the awesomeness of the finale is more an achievement of the production than of the music: by means of projections, we are persuaded that the baroque interior lifts away from some wasteland of an asteroid, reinforcing the point that has been made before, that outside, beyond the fine wine and the Venetian glass, there is eternal darkness. It is not a very new or subtle point, perhaps, and the view of black Africa as sensual and

destructive is grotesque, but Harry Kupfer, producer and joint librettist with the composer, keeps his side of the bargain.

If Penderecki wants hysteria, then hysteria he provides. The set by Hans Schaveroch, looking like an engraving but with a huge mirror that swings across the stage, is enough to remind all the characters that they are in a fantastical melodrama (though rather charmingly the count, Rainer Scholze, goes through the whole thing under the impression that this is real life), and the costumes by Reinhard Heinrich are beautifully apropos. I particularly liked the lavender silk and old lace for the Prince Abbot, slinkily sung by the young bass-baritone Huub Claessens as a man of decadent intelligence and luxury.

Such characterization, though, does a lot to the cast: the people do not live in what Penderecki has written for them, nor does the opera. Much is being made of its synthesis of his two worlds, the shock effects of the 1960s and the lugubrious symbolism of the last decade; his range, though, remains extremely limited. One hears a very great deal indeed of the downward-moving chromatic scale, which is not too surprising

when he has no other means of providing continuity. The problem, however, is not just that there is a lack of musical invention; anyone with more idea of what music was about would not have chosen this unpleasant little fable in the first place, or perhaps would have treated it entirely differently.

There remain some excellent performances. Besides those I have already mentioned, Josephine Barstow runs the risk of being too well cast as the highly neurotic leading female character Benigna, but in fact she carries the role marvelously, and flings her voice unstintingly through the long central scene. She can also look convincingly scared out of her wits when the "black mask" of the title comes on to execute a dance before her; she even manages to copulate with a dining chair.

Others to make a mark certainly include the conductor, Woldemar Nelsson, who persuades the Vienna Philharmonic to put a very brave face indeed on Penderecki's unimpressive score. There is also a neat cameo from Heinz Zednik as the musician Hadank, whose threat to make an *Orhelo* opera is, in this context, more than a little disquieting. — P.G.



Josephine Barstow, marvellously carrying the leading role of the neurotic Benigna, scared out of her wits by the "black mask"

## Promenade Concert Improbabilities of the semi-stage

Simon Boccanegra  
Albert Hall/Radio 3

If it was tempting the gods for Glyndebourne to open their Verdi cycle with the dark complexities of *Simon Boccanegra*, then it was downright hubris to choose this opera of shadowy exits and entrances, of confused loyalties and identities, to bring to the bright lights and confined semi-stage of the Albert Hall.

The gradual move during the evening from the improbable to the possible was achieved almost entirely through the commitment of individual performances and the dramatic assurance of Bernard Haitink's direction. But I am not sure that, in the end, radio listeners did not for once have the better deal.

It is some indication of the success of last year's Prom *Carmen* that I cannot even remember how the company was clothed. This time the evening dress, particularly of the chorus, was inconspicuously apparent throughout; and I am afraid this was largely due to the stage direction of those wearing it.

If the full complement of house and stage lights must glare mercilessly on, even in the nocturnal Prologue, it is surely sensible to minimize physical activity. Stephen Lawless, staging Peter Hall's production for the Proms, allowed too much business.

Hilary Finch

## London débuts Mature subtleties

Marina Milic, a Yugoslav pianist based in London, made an exciting impression with her playing of Rachmaninov in a Park Lane Group recital three years ago. Since then she has developed into a performer capable of the greatest subtleties.

Her playing of Brahms's Piano Pieces, Op 116, for example, was mature in its thoughtfulness; even the three Capriccios, rather more exuberant than the Intermezzos in the group, were played with great control, while the slower pieces were mellow, introspective and spacious, which is just as they ought to be.

After Barber's *Three Dances from *Souvenirs**, done with a wit similarly refined, Miss Milic tackled the Beethoven sonata more apt than all of them, perhaps, to be played to the gallery, the "Appassionata". Not so here. Instead Miss Milic sank her fingers deep into the keys and her intellect deep into the more elusive implications of the music. One might have argued that the performance lacked a degree of bite, but surely more important were the insights that Miss Milic was in consequence able to give us.

James Lisney, a pianist whose teacher, John Barstow, also taught the Moscow prize-

winner Barry Douglas, gave a similarly refined recital refreshingly devoid of exhibitionism for the sheer sake of it. Indeed much of the music seemed to have been chosen largely for its subdued qualities. He opened with Tchaikovsky's — the Romance in F major, Op 51 No 5, and the dark-bued Dumka, Op 59. Here, as in Shostakovich's comparatively rarely played Second Sonata, Op 61, a work laden with tragic qualities, Lisney impressed with his clarity of sound and his ability both to elucidate the shape of the music and to stand back a little from it as if in modest deference.

The second half of his recital was devoted to Chopin, and he prepared the way for the B flat minor Sonata with exquisitely controlled performances of the Op 55 Nocturnes, well served by his beautifully sonorous, impeccably controlled playing. The Sonata itself is rather tougher, of course, and, though never compromising the distinctive personality of his playing, Lisney was still able to match its demands, so that the strange finale, too often given like an irrelevant postscript, here assumed the qualities of a veritable transfiguration.

Stephen Pettitt

## EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Galleries: John Russell Taylor

# Enlightenment truly perceived

The "International" in the Edinburgh International Festival has generally in the past seemed to be there to establish a clear rejection of the parochial. And presumably, in so far as Scottish art is as felt to be parochial, it did play any important part in the festival: even last year, when the suggested theme was the Auld Alliance, was expressed much more in terms of French art in Scotland than of Scottish art in France, as though the traffic was mainly one way. Obviously this is far from the truth, and one wonders whether it is down to Scottish modesty or Scottish snobbery towards anything of local origin at such testimony to Scotland's international impact as a great *Ossian* exhibition of 174, seen in Hamburg and Paris, was never shown in Edinburgh. However, this year the festival is handsomely making amends: the theme is the Scottish Enlightenment, and the results are enlightening even to us here today.

As Duncan Macmillan, designer of the show at the Talbot Art Centre until August 1, *Painting in Scotland: The Olden Age*, points out, since much of the intellectual ferment of the later 18th century in Edinburgh was concerned with perception, it is to reason that the usual arts in Scotland during that period should be deeply interesting. Unfortunately art story does not always conform to reason, and what

ought to be not always is. But in this case the show is wholly fascinating and revelatory. It indicates, for a start, that there was little parochial about painting in Scotland during that time: if we have underestimated Ramsay, Raeburn and even Wilkie of late, we now have no excuse for failing to appreciate that they were right in the mainstream of European art. And there are other, even bigger surprises: from now on we shall have to pay much more attention to Alexander Runciman as a history painter and, perhaps even more strikingly, etcher, and to such other one-time members of Fuseli's Roman circle as John Brown, whose wash drawings were often suggest Fuseli himself and Goya, and do not shrink in the comparison.

Not all the art in the show is necessarily very artificial: a few Scottish painters bordering on the primitive are included to make a point, and one would not perhaps hold up Robert Barker's *Panorama of Edinburgh from the Calton Hill of 1792* as the height of landscape sophistication for its period — except that it is apparently the earliest 360-degree panorama known in painting. But, when we come to the big three, there can be little doubt either of what they learnt from their philosophical friends or what they taught the world.

It is illuminating to observe Ramsey developing from the stiff, almost Caroline painter of *Agnes Murray Kynyn-*

*mond* with her rosebush in 1739 to the easy, fluent portraits responsible for *Anne Brown* and *Anne Bruce* in the early 1760s. By that time he has developed to a fine point the elegant (but not culpably flattering) softening of focus to give a delicate diffusion of image, suggestive of *Fantin-Latour* more than a century later, or even of the blurry "painted photographs" of Gerhard Richter, a couple of which are to be seen in the Fruitmarket's *The Mirror and the Lamp* show.

Raeburn in his turn uses a very similar technique, for men as well as women, and it seems to arise straight out of contemporary studies of how the eye worked by the sort of Scottish scientist-philosopher celebrated in the Royal Museum of Scotland's show *A Hatched of Genius*, which is at the Queen Street galleries until September 2. This grapples manfully with the problems of being about abstract ideas rather than specific images of people or things. Whenever possible there are portraits of the main figures, both straight and as seen through the deforming glass of John Kay's caricature, as well as original editions of the epoch-making books concerned and the investigative tools used or the machines invented.

That is in the second half; the first half tries a more radical approach by sending one armed with a sort of Walkman through a series of discs representing various aspects of Enlightenment

Edinburgh while one listens to a sort of Schools Broadcasting distillation of the ideas and diversions of key figures in five-minute chunks. I must admit I found it more diverting to run backwards and forwards making my own sound collage, but no doubt many are more appreciative than I of being lectured, even in such an amusing context.

The National Portrait Gallery's fine photographic show *Printed Light*, which celebrates the "scientific art" of Fox Talbot and David Octavius Hill until October 26, does much more credit to the enterprise of the Scot. Many of these photographs, apart from their great documentary value for anyone interested in the manners and customs of the people or the changing shape of the city (interestingly enough, photographic panoramas of Edinburgh come only about half a century after the Barker painting), show every sign of artistic concern in their lighting and composition — Hill was in fact a painter as well, and one of the earliest to use photographs as sketches for paintings.

There is a touch of enterprise too in the small show dedicated to James Tassie 1735-1799 (until September 30), for he was not only a portraitist of the Scottish Enlightenment but also had a hand in evolving a glassy substance which looked rather like ivory and enabled his works to be reproduced at will. His best work is clearly in the portraits, but his reproductions from antique gems played their part in the dissemination of knowledge of and enthusiasm for the arts of classical antiquity which were so important in late 18th-century Edinburgh.



Allan Ramsay on the road to development in the almost Caroline portrait of *Agnes Murray Kynynmond*

tions from antique gems played their part in the dissemination of knowledge of and enthusiasm for the arts of classical antiquity which were so important in late 18th-century Edinburgh. The story of Scottish art is brought closer up to date in the Fine Art Society's delightful show *At Home: Scottish Interiors 1820-1929*, which until September 20 turns the gallery's elegant terrace house into a home again with a series of rooms charting the recent history of Scottish taste, and in Bourne Fine Art's engaging collection of turn-of-the-century



manic, crowded, sometimes threatening atmosphere. The show is in four parts, each one building on the last and calling on techniques from other media to give it its disjointed, alien quality. A long cable covered with electronic paraphernalia and video sets dominates the front of the stage — suggesting a board meeting, a panel game or perhaps a trial. Seated behind this, the company loom like a dreamworld all-powerful committee. They proceed to read fragments at random from *Sixties* gurus — Leary, Kerouac, Huxley — under the dry-witted direction of a grey-suited chairman.

## Theatre: Sarah Hemming

There is a pause, then the actors reconvene at a hearing/ play-reading. Somebody is accused and they speed through a manic, dislocated rejigging of Arthur Miller's *The Cru-*

## The Road to Immortality Churchill

In all its 40 years the Edinburgh Festival must have hosted some fairly bizarre art-forms, but it can never have seen anything quite as unconventional as New York's Wooster Group. Even their unconventional Plot, characters, narrative line and structure are, ostensibly, absent and interpretation is perilous, but *The Road to Immortality* does have its own peculiar logic. It rushes you on a trip in four parts through *America of the Fifties* and *Sixties*, mingling shades of McCarthy with the *Sixties* preoccupations with drugs and perception to evoke

Métul, Napoleon's favoured composer, was expert at writing patriotic choruses and it did not much matter whether they were inspired by Aberdeen or Abbeville — the Scottish colouring in *Uthal* is minimal. These found the chorus in much better heart and voice, also the bards (Chief Bard, Anthony Michaels-Moore) who offer comforting words before and after battle. The solo writing is dull: Pamela Myers made something of the heroine and Roderick Earle rather more of her father, but Jeffrey Talbot provided only a pinched tenor in the title role.

## Concert: John Higgins

totally unknown in a weirdly compiled programme. Two overtures were used to start: Mendelssohn's *Hebrides* and *Echoes of Ossian*, by the Danish composer Niels Gade, which Wagner might have heard before he wrote *The Flying Dutchman*. Both found Neeme Järvi in northern nautical mood.

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the theme of the Enlightenment, Scottish version, is saving its way through the Edinburgh Festival. And it is rowing up some curiosities in its path. There is, for instance, the cocktail of the name at the Caledonian Hotel, whose ingredients did seem more conducive to deep slumber than the oddening of human knowledge. And there was Sunday night's concert given by the British National Orchestra. Most of the music was piped by the bard *Ossian*, or her his impresario, transcriber or — some would say — editor, James Macpherson. The first half was a mixture of very familiar and the

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Dee buys Medicare

Dee Corporation, the acquisitive supermarkets group, yesterday added a new store to its bow with the £20 million purchase of Medicare, the retail chemist owned by Reed Executive.

Merger talks between Pleasurants and Mount Charlton are understood to have broken down. The two companies last week announced they were planning a £500 million empire embracing hotels, fruit machines and holidays.

Bibby buys

Hanson Trust is selling its Hamlyn Milling agricultural business, based near Perth, to J Bibby & Sons for an undisclosed price.

Premier offer

Premier Brands, the company bought out from Cadbury Schweppes in May, is offering all its regular staff up to 1,000 share options at 1p.

Blagden down

Blagden Industries, manufacturers of steel drums, have reported a 16 per cent drop in interim pre-tax profits, down to £2.3 million.

Highams' bid

Highams, the private company making a coveted £37 million bid for the Manchester Ship Canal Company, has received acceptances for 53.4 per cent of the voting shares in the company.

Hawker deal

Hawker Siddeley has paid £7.5 million cash for the Reliance Fuse division of the Challenger Electrical Equipment Corporation of the US.

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S & N in £120m agreed bid for Home Brewery

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries yesterday fulfilled market expectations that it wanted to buy a regional brewer by making an agreed £120 million takeover offer for Home Brewery, of Nottingham.

Home has 470 public houses, clubs and off-licences, mostly in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. The target surprised stock market analysts, few of whom seemed to know much about Home, a tightly-controlled company which has only preference shares listed on the Stock Exchange.

The acquisition of Home, whose beers sport the logo of Robin Hood with bow and arrow at the ready, shifts the centre of gravity of S & N's brewing interests. The Edinburgh-based company has 1,350 outlets, most of which are in Scotland and North-east England, and three breweries - at Edinburgh, Manchester and Newcastle.

Mr Alick Rankin, chief executive of S & N, confirmed that an increased geographical spread was the main reason for the purchase, but he said that Home had made the first approach.

Until we had a look we hadn't realised what a rich and well-looked after company it was," he said. Although Home made pre-tax profits of just £4.4 million on turnover of £56.4 million in its latest financial year, Mr Rankin said that S & N was justified in paying £120 million for Home.

Mr Rankin said he hoped that Home's 4 per cent rate of return on capital could be improved to nearer its own 13 per cent, and he thought that pre-tax profits of between £3 million and £15 million would be possible within two years.

He played down suggestions of a possible bid for Courage, the brewery owned by Hanson Trust, saying S & N was only a medium-sized company. The bid for Home - a mixture of ordinary shares, convertible preference stock and cash - already has acceptances from shareholders controlling 67.5 per cent of votes in Home, which has a dual share structure.

It is conditional on not being referred to the Monopolies Commission, although Mr Rankin thought this unlikely in view of the lack of geographical overlap.

The Home takeover comes three weeks after another independent brewer, Raddies, lost its independence to an industry giant, Grand Metropolitan.

Mr Rankin said that it was possible that S & N brands would be brewed at the Home plant to bring them nearer to the southern market. However, S & N pledged to retain and rebuild Home's "current distinctive identity."

Mr Rankin said there was "no question" of S & N selling its 30 per cent stake in the Blackburn-based Matthew Brown brewery, acquired in an unsuccessful takeover bid last year, as a result of the Home acquisition.

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Sir John Egan: believes Jaguar's profit growth will out continue for the full year.

Jaguar profits surge again despite the weak dollar

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Jaguar profits have continued to surge ahead with the company disclosing half-year earnings of £64.4 million before the autumn launch of its new XJ40 saloon.

The six-month pretax profits - up by £4 million on the previous year's - was achieved despite a significant weakening of the dollar, which increased the price of Jaguars in the US, the company's most important market.

Jaguar announced that the interim dividend would be stepped up by 10 per cent to 3.3p. But Sir John Egan, the chairman, gave warning that the profit growth, which has been taken for granted by the City since Jaguar's privatisation from BL, was not expected to continue for the full year.

The interim figures take into account about £3 million of pre-launch costs for the XJ40, which is to succeed the XJ6, and another £10 million will come in the second half. The balance of the £20 million investment will be reflected in next year's accounts.

Sir John said that as a result of the extra costs, profits for the whole of 1986 would be "very flat". But he added: "Early indications are that the new car will receive an outstanding reception in the market place, thus enabling Jaguar to maintain its sales growth."

Jaguar sales in the US rose 23 per cent in the half-year to 11,506 units, boosted by the introduction in April of the V-12 engine XJS Cabriolet version.

Turnover for the six months was £426.2 million, up from £400.9 million a year earlier, with the US market accounting for £279.5 million and the UK £67.9 million. Total output of Jaguars was 22,049 against 20,195 in the first half of 1985.

In a bid to achieve a wider spread of overseas sales, Jaguar has been studying Japan where, at present, it sells only 400 cars a year. But within five years the company believes the total could be 4,000.

Sir John added: "We are starting to look very seriously at the Japanese market. The current level of the yen makes it particularly attractive."

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McKechnie bids £24m for PSM

By Alison Eadie

McKechnie Brothers, the Midlands metals and plastics group, has launched a £24.4 million bid for PSM, the Midlands industrial fastener manufacturer.

PSM is already in the bag as its chairman, Mr Jim Tildesley, has accepted for his 57.6 per cent holding. The PSM board put out a holding statement, but Dr Jim Butler, chairman of McKechnie, is hoping for a speedy recommendation.

The two companies know each other well as McKechnie has for several years supplied PSM with brass extrusions for its fasteners and, more recently, PSM has begun supplying McKechnie with plastic fasteners.

PSM has operations in the United States, which will give McKechnie a "listening post" for acquisitions there. Dr Butler said, McKechnie is also seeking further acquisitions in Britain.

The company has had an eventful year, seeing off takeover attempts by Williams Holdings and then Evered, and failing itself to win Newman Tonks in a contested bid.

The terms of the offer are 44 McKechnie shares and 695 in cash or loan notes for 100 PSM shares. PSM shareholders will also be entitled to a special interim dividend of 2.2p.

McKechnie has forecast total dividends in the year to July 31 of 10p.

CES in £26.7m Zales buy

Combined English Stores is to acquire Zales Jewellers for £26.7 million.

The purchase will be made through the issue of 13.6 million new shares, 13.1 million of which will be placed by Samuel Montagu. Hoare Govett is the broker to the issue.

There is also an open offer to shareholders to subscribe to the full amount of the placing. CES estimates interim pretax profits of £4.5 million, a 30 per cent increase compared with £3.45 million for the same period last year. And the company says that prospects for the remainder of the year are encouraging.

Zales is a leading multiple specialist jewellery retailer, with 112 shops in prime locations throughout Britain.

For the year to March 1, Zales earned £1.82 million in pretax profits.

The combination of Zales and Collingwood, the jewellers, will make CES the second biggest multiple specialist retailer in terms of market share, the company said.

It will have total of 247 stores and some 4.5 per cent of the British market.

CES intends to maintain the Zales group's up-market identity and to expand the number of outlets.

CES is to give existing shareholders the opportunity to participate in the issue of new shares.

Samuel Montagu will offer existing shareholders all the placing shares for purchase at the placing price of 197p per share.

With regard to the present financial year, the CES board estimates that profit on ordinary activities before tax for the 26 weeks to August 9 was £4.5 million, compared with £3.45 million for the same period in the last financial year.

The board intends to pay an interim dividend in November of 3p per share for the year to January 31 1987.

This represents an increase of 22.4 per cent over the interim dividend of 2.45p per share paid last year. The new shares will not rank for the interim dividend.

Avis Europe plans offer

Avis Europe, a new group of companies formed by the European, African and Middle East car rental and leasing operations of Avis, is likely to apply for a full listing on the London Stock Exchange later this year.

Morgan Grenfell is planning an offer for sale, in London, of a majority shareholding in Avis Europe and the issue is expected to attract significant investment from other European countries.

Maxwell delivers his BPCC profit promise

By Carol Ferguson

True to his promise made to shareholders at the British Printing & Communication Corporation's annual meeting at the beginning of June, Mr Robert Maxwell, the chairman, has more than doubled the company's interim profits.

The results, announced yesterday, showed that the group made £2 million more in the first half of 1986 than it did for the whole of 1985.

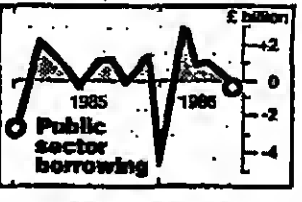
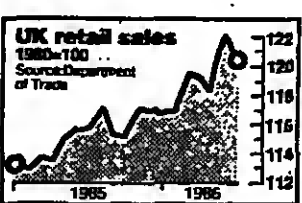
Profits increased by 141 per cent for the six months to June, compared with £1.3 million it made for the period last year. The interim dividend was increased by 50 per cent from 4p to 6p.

Much of the improvement has come from the inclusion of the recently acquired Pergamon Journals and from BPCC's contract to print newspapers for the Mirror Group.

The Daily Mirror and the Sunday Mirror were printed on BPCC's presses in London and Manchester for the entire six month period. It has been printing the Scottish Daily Record and the Sunday Mail since April 1, and the Sunday People since the beginning of July.

A statement accompanying the results said the acquisition of a major US public printing and publishing company was imminent.

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The July repayment of £226 billion, around £750 million better than the average of City expectations, led to some suggestions that the Government was heading for a second successive undershoot of its borrowing target, set at £7.1 billion for 1986-87.

However, Treasury officials said that it was too early to make such judgements and that, despite the buoyancy of non-oil tax revenues, the fall in the oil price had still to show through fully in lower North Sea revenues.

Local authority borrowing may also have been crucially low in the first few months of the current financial year.

Inland Revenue receipts in the April-July period were £2.1 billion up on a year earlier because of healthy company profits and strong growth in wages. Customs and Excise receipts were up by £1 billion.

Supply expenditure, at £32.9 billion in the first four months of the financial year, was just under 4.5 per cent up on the corresponding period.

Retail sales decline but the upward trend is maintained

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Retail sales fell last month from their June peak, but the trend remains strongly upwards.

Government borrowing was below City expectations, mainly because of buoyant tax revenues.

The volume of retail sales declined by 1.2 per cent in July after an exceptional 3.6 per cent rise in June. Sales volume was up by 1.5 per cent in the latest three months compared with the previous three months, and 4 per cent up on the corresponding period of last year.

The average weekly value of sales last month was £1,775 million, compared with £1,740 million in June. Sales value was up 8 per cent on July 1985.

Government officials said that sales of consumer durables were strong last month, but those of clothing, footwear and food fell.

The latest CBI/Financial Times Distributive Trades Survey, published today, predicts that August will be another good month for retailers.

The latest figures for public borrowing show that the Government repaid a net £226 million last month, compared with borrowing of £522 million in June and £541 million in July last year.

In the first four months of the 1986-87 financial year the public sector borrowing requirement was £2.1 billion, compared with £3.2 billion in the corresponding period of 1985-86.

On a basis which compares directly with this interim result, the forecast would be £16.8 million.

The group operated from more than 300 outlets in the United States and 20 or so overseas. It will launch 100 new stores this year, 80 of which will be opened in the second half.

Five are to be "stores within stores." This is part of a joint venture with Sears Roebuck.

Overseas, expansion continues in Canada, Australia, the UK and Japan. A shop in the US airbase at Yokota in Japan, has newly-opened and is doing well. New products such as muffins and ice creams are also being tested.

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Air Call to leave USM and link with American group

By Teresa Poole

Air Call, the loss-making radio paging and car telephone communications group, said yesterday that it plans to go private - almost six years since it became one of the first companies to be traded on the Unlisted Securities Market.

The pressures of surviving in the increasingly competitive telecomunications market has forced Air Call to seek an alignment with international partners.

Mr Taylor, said that the second market had been good to the company when it started, but added: "For a group going for long term growth, the USM might not be the right place. It is difficult to sustain support all round if you are going for growth."

The family of the founder chairman, Mr John Stanley, who died last year, will make an offer to acquire the 41.3 per cent of Air Call not under their control.

These include the telephone answering, media response, paging, and car telephone activities. Air Call holds about 10 per cent of the British radio-paging market, compared with British Telecom's 85 per cent, and about 5 per cent of the cellular radio market, where it is a large distributor for Racal.

Mr Warren Taylor, chairman of both Air Call and Air Call (Holdings) company, gave a warning that many other small telecommunications groups may be forced into joint ventures in order to survive the liberalized market.

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WALL STREET

Early selling hits Dow

New York (Reuter) - Wall Street shares slipped in early trading yesterday as investors took early profits after a week of solid gains. Oil shares continued to strengthen as the price of oil rose.

Speculation that the Federal Reserve Board might take action to ease credit was expected to stimulate the market later.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.10 points at 1,857.08, on a volume of 14

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Unilever poised to buy Dutch firm for £110m

By Teresa Poole

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch foods and detergents conglomerate, yesterday announced it was negotiating terms for an agreed takeover - worth about £110 million - for Naarden International, a Dutch fragrances and flavours company.

By combining Naarden with its own PPF International subsidiary, Unilever would create the world's second largest business for the development and manufacture of fragrances and flavours for foods, drinks, soaps and detergents, behind IFF of the United States.

If agreement is reached, Unilever will make a cash offer for all of Naarden's ordinary shares, which are quoted on the Amsterdam

stock market. The company hopes the deal can be completed in the autumn and said: "There are reasonable grounds for expecting agreement."

Unilever's shares lost 10p to £18.80 on the announcement. Last year, Naarden had sales of £16.63 million (£191 million) and made net profits of £2.22 million (£6.3 million). PPF is of a similar size and its present turnover is more than £16.50 million.

The two companies believe that to succeed in the international fragrances and flavours field over the next decade will depend on being large enough to maintain a global marketing network and to finance the necessary high level of research and development spending.

At the moment, half of the world demand is met by six companies, including Naarden and PPF, which operate internationally, while between 800 to 1,000 smaller companies concentrate on well-defined geographical areas or specialty areas.

Unilever said Naarden and PPF would fit together well and give both companies a broader scientific base.

The combined strength would give the companies a more favourable competitive position in the US market and could lead to "attractive growth opportunities in many countries".

Unilever has announced better-than-expected interim pretax profits, up by 18 per cent at £513 million.

Campaign for nuclear power emphasizes safety record

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The Government yesterday continued its campaign of support for the nuclear power industry by emphasizing the safety record of those stations already in operation and the high standards being enforced at new stations under construction.



Alastair Goodlad: "UK record second to none."

The re-affirmation of support for nuclear power is part of the Department of Energy's campaign to re-assure the public about the merits of nuclear power after the Chernobyl accident and trade union demands for an abandonment of the nuclear power programme on safety grounds and to support the coal industry.

The Government campaign of support for nuclear power has been launched in the run-up to the completion of the public inquiry report into the application by the Central Electricity Generating Board to build a pressurized water-cooled (PWR) nuclear power station at Sizewell in Suffolk.

Heysham nuclear power station. The station, an advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) design is due to bring its first reactor into operation next year and its second in 1988. It will be capable of providing the power needs of a city the size of Liverpool.

He said: "I welcome the excellent progress of this important project, which is being built to the highest standards of safety, the highest standards of efficiency and the highest standards of reliability. This achievement is remarkable when one realizes that planning and building a power station of this size compares with the planning and building of a new town. Heysham is being built to the highest standards. Nuclear safety is of utmost importance. In Britain, the nuclear safety record is second to none."

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold takes on a bigger role in land of the rising Yen

The financial world is often so obsessed with the swinging fortunes of the dollar that it is easy to forget that most of its inhabitants do their day to day business in other currencies.

Frequently the aura of the almighty greenback blinds us from seeing the way markets behave through other sets of eyes.

level for more than two years. It is doubtful however that the news set the pulses racing so quickly in Tokyo. In local currency terms, gold was quoted at around ¥61,150 an ounce, a fall 28 per cent earlier on the price a year earlier (when Americans were paying only ¥330) and still around its lowest levels for seven years.

However casting aside the dollar can be tantamount not just to looking at the landscape from another angle but to turning it completely upside down. An event that might be seen as a recipe for economic recession in America may appear as a stimulus to growth in West Germany or Japan.

Take, for instance, the path of commodity prices in the 1970s. The generally accepted wisdom is that prices boomed because of frantic economic growth, crop shortages and effective supply control by producing countries.

anniversary of Emperor Hirobini's accession. Some London traders reckon the demand for this issue might lead the government to mint another 5 million coins and import a further 100 tonnes.

At least they did in dollars. In yen terms, however, history has to be rewritten. Commodity prices displayed no more than a mild blip upwards from what they had been doing for the previous 20 years - falling gently. And when the dollar commodity boom ended with an almighty crash in the 1980s, yen prices continued to enjoy a soft landing because of the dollar's all-crashing progress on the currency markets.

As the Consolidated Gold Fields annual gold review pointed out, several Japanese retailers sell jewellery items with low mark-ups on their underlying gold value at prices relating to the ruling bullion price.

Thus if the yen remains strong, buying from Tokyo can be expected to remain an important component of global demand, estimated at around 1,500 tonnes this year.

Mr Derek Fothergill, of Ruston Gas, said: "There are some 6,000 landfill sites in Britain. Just how many of these would be suitable for development is difficult to assess, but if only one in 10 prove viable they could provide about 10 per cent of the Central Electricity Generating Board's installed capacity."

The effect on Japanese gold import figures has been dramatic. In the first six months of this year, 348 tonnes of gold - excluding coins - came into the country compared with 95 tonnes in the whole of 1985.

Platinum's bold surge this year, dictated by a far more bullish supply-demand situation than exists in gold, has led to it setting a \$160 an ounce premium over gold after a slight discount during 1985.

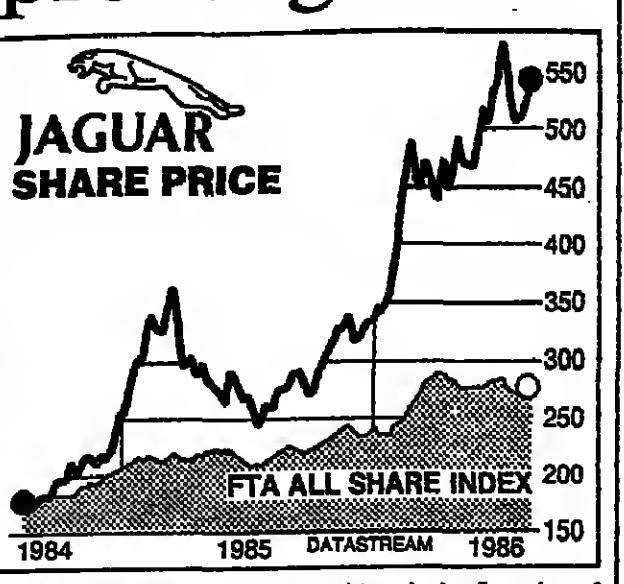
Taking the same perspective is helpful when looking at last week's surge in precious metal prices which took the financial markets by surprise and put bullion back on the newspaper headlines.

Apart from demand from private investors and jewellers, the Japanese government has bought 200 tonnes in order to strike 10 million coins to commemorate the 60th

As demand has switched into gold, platinum imports have slumped by 35 per cent in the first five months compared with the same period last year.

TEMPUS XJ-40 launch will slow Jaguar profits growth

At 7 per cent ahead of last year, Jaguar's interim pretax profits were bang in line with expectations. Nevertheless, investors must be feeling a little cautious about the second half, which will bear the full brunt of the marketing costs of the XJ-40 car, to be launched this autumn.



Sales in North America, where Jaguar makes 66 per cent of its profits, surged in the six months to June. The number of cars sold there jumped by 23 per cent to 11,506. There was an even more spectacular increase in Canada - of 58 per cent to 945.

With 80 per cent of its car sales overseas, Jaguar continues to hedge its currency when it can to minimize the effect of currency fluctuations. The strength of sterling in recent months has meant that the group has been unable to obtain the favourable rates of 1985. But it has hedged for the whole of 1986 and part of 1987.

Capital spending is reaching new heights. In the first half of 1986 it doubled to £32 million and, for the year as a whole, it will be £90 million as the group catches up after years of capital starvation.

Pergamon Journals are estimated to have contributed £5m for the 10 week period for which they were included, while Purnell will have made a smaller loss.

An engineering centre is being built for £37 million and a paint plant for £15 million. And capital spending of £100 million a year, funded largely out of cash flows, is planned for the next five years.

Analyst Luke Johnson at stockbrokers Kleinwort Greaveson is "extremely bullish" about the shares. He is forecasting a full year's pretax profit of £72m to give earnings per share of 26.1p. The rise at the pretax level is not fully reflected in the bottom line because the tax charge will be significantly higher than last year, when there was a tax credit, though it will still be a substantial rate of some 15 per cent.

Shareholders should not be looking for fast growing profits in the short term. Launch costs of the XJ-40, estimated to be between £15 million and £20 million, will fall in the second half of this year and the first half of next. Full year profits for 1986 and 1987 promise to show little growth as a result.

The point about the shares is not so much that they are standing on a prospective price earnings multiple of 11.4, which may look a bit expensive to some. Rather, investors should be looking for action in this increasingly acquisitive company.

Longer term, the group will benefit from its intensive capital expenditure programme, but the prospect of two years of flat earnings could cause the shares to mark time in the short term.

Plastic drums, for example, a market in which the group is presently unrepresented, look like the way forward for Blagden. At present this product is taking away market share from the traditional steel drums at the rate of 3-4 per cent a year. Blagden is investing in equipment in the UK to adapt its blow moulding technology to this market.

BPCC

Blagden should make £5.5m pre tax profit and report earnings per share of 11.25p. In 1987, £7m pre tax and thirteen pennies of earnings are in their sights. It may take some time, however, before investors look to Blagden for anything more than its yield of over 8 per cent.

Addison and Aidcom merger to go-ahead

By Our City Staff

The merger between Addison Consultancy, the public relations group, and Aidcom International, the design and market research company, is to go ahead after all.

merger, but differed on price. Addison has marginally raised its terms, which secured the unanimous acceptance of the Aidcom board.

The two companies yesterday announced an agreed £13.4 million takeover by Addison on the basis of 9 Addison shares for 20 Aidcom shares. Addison shares fell 8p to 125p on the news, while Aidcom gained 9p to 55p.

A management buy-out for more than £800,000 of Cockman, Copenham & Partners, a corporate services consultancy 51 per cent owned by Aidcom, is part of the deal.

Last week the companies announced they were in merger talks, only to call them off in two days later. Mr Michael Page, joint chief executive of Addison, said common sense prevailed. "We were never far apart," he added.

Full acceptance of the offer would involve the issue of about 10.7 million new Addison shares, representing 19.5 per cent of the enlarged equity.

Mr Pratt Thompson, Aidcom's chairman, said both sides had always been agreed on the commercial logic of the

Aidcom and Addison are complementary in several areas including design and market research. Aidcom's shares have been depressed in recent months after 1985 pretax profits emerged at £1.28 million, little changed from the previous year and about half what the City expected.

GEC offshoot's 'first'

By Our Energy Correspondent

An order has been placed with Ruston Gas Turbines, a GEC subsidiary, to build

Europe's first turbine which will run on methane gas drawn from a council waste tip.

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The turbine will be installed at Purfleet Board Mills at Aveley in Essex and draw gas produced by rotting material from an adjoining tip. It will generate electricity for the plant and the heat from its exhaust will be fed into the factory boiler system to raise steam for a new steam turbine generating set and for paper board drying.

Mr Derek Fothergill, of Ruston Gas, said: "There are some 6,000 landfill sites in Britain. Just how many of these would be suitable for development is difficult to assess, but if only one in 10 prove viable they could provide about 10 per cent of the Central Electricity Generating Board's installed capacity."

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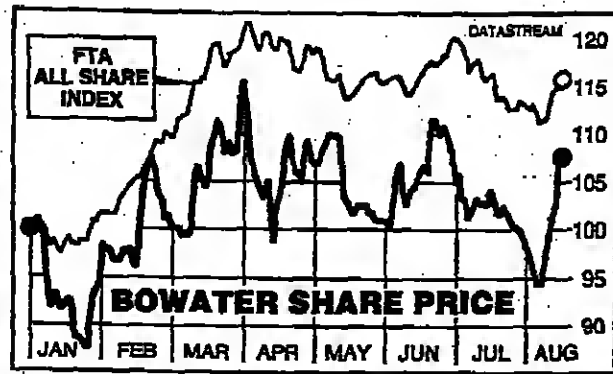
STOCK MARKET REPORT

Philip Hill shares jump on hopes of a bid from BPCC

By Michael Clark

Shares of the troubled Philip Hill Investment Trust leapt by 18p to a new high of 310p yesterday, amid growing speculation that Mr Robert Maxwell's British Printing & Communication Corp was preparing to launch a bid.

making it an index-linked trust, which would be wound up in 1991. Shares of BPCC finished 6p higher at 298p after revealing interim figures showing pretax profits leaping from £11.43 million to £27.5 million.



Shares of Mount Charlotte Investments, the hotel chain, could be due for a shakeout when dealings resume today. It looks as though merger talks with Plasmanra, the casino and leisure group, have broken down.

Oil shares opened in a confident mood following the news that the Soviet Union had stopped selling crude oil on the open market and was seeking some form of co-operation with the Opec members.

COMMENT: Brewers get back to business as usual

Whatever hopes the brewers had that ministers would veto the reference of the beer tie to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the investigation is to go ahead.

Nottingham as and when demand calls. The move neatly extends Mr Rankin's territory south. But Home ales have a good traditional reputation and their Robin Hood logo might well travel easily round the country.

Investment Management, representing a group of institutional shareholders accounting for 56 per cent of the shares. The disidents were believed to include the Kuwait Investment Office, Eagle Star, Standard Life Assurance, the Post Office Pension Fund, Prudential Corporation, the Save & Prosper unit trusts and the Coal Board Pension Fund.

International Signaling & Control advanced 10p to 260p with Robert Fleming, the investment house, reported to be big buyers of the shares following a recent visit to the company in the United States.

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# SIEMENS

Information for Siemens shareholders

## New capital spending record

Higher net margin and more employees than last year

As anticipated, Siemens did not attain last year's unusually high level of sales during the first nine months of the 1985/86 financial year (ending 30 September). However, in line

with medium-range goals, there was a rise in the number of employees and a substantial expansion of capital spending. It was also possible to increase the net profit margin.

### Sales

Owing to the billing of three nuclear power plants, last year's third-quarter sales leaped 38% to £12,282m; because no comparable projects were billed in the period from 1 October 1985 to 30 June 1986, sales at £9,954m were 19% below 1984/85 levels. Apart from the power plant sector, there was a slight overall sales growth of 1%. Even more strongly influenced by the fluctuations in power plant billings were sales figures for the German domestic market. Here, total sales at £4,678m remained 32%

below last year's comparable levels despite gains of 10% outside the power plant sphere. At £5,276m, international sales were 2% below the previous year's total, owing to the conversion of a weaker dollar into German marks.

In £m	1/10/83 to 30/6/84	1/10/84 to 30/6/85	1/10/85 to 30/6/86	Change '86 from '85
Sales	8,928	12,282	9,954	-19%
Domestic business	4,127	6,898	4,678	-32%
Intern. business	4,801	5,384	5,276	-2%

### New orders

The level of new orders reflected the absence of new power plant contracts and currency changes. Worldwide new orders of £11,333m were 7% down on the same period last year; excluding the power plant business, the level of order intake was maintained. New orders in the German domestic market, at £5,483m, were 5% below the comparable figure for last year. However, if the power plant business is excluded, Siemens groups achieved a growth rate of 7%. Two-figure growth was recorded by the Power

Engineering & Automation Group, the Communication & Information Systems Group, and the Electrical Installations Group. International new orders declined by 8% to £5,850m - again as a result of a weaker dollar.

In £m	1/10/83 to 30/6/84	1/10/84 to 30/6/85	1/10/85 to 30/6/86	Change '86 from '85
New orders	10,730	12,147	11,333	-7%
Domestic business	5,381	5,764	5,483	-5%
Intern. business	5,349	6,383	5,850	-8%

### Orders in hand

Orders in hand climbed 6% to £16,999m. Inventories have grown 18% to £6,229m since the beginning of the financial year.

In £m	30/9/84	30/9/85	30/6/86	Change '86 from '85
Orders in hand	17,595	16,060	16,999	+6%
Inventories	5,961	5,273	6,228	+18%

### Employees

In the first nine months of the current financial year, the total number of employees increased 3% to 357,000 worldwide. Siemens now employs 244,000 people in the Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin (West), 4,000 more than at the beginning of the financial year. Outside Germany, the workforce increased from 108,000 to 113,000. An average of 353,000 people were employed during the period under review compared with 334,000 in the same period last year. Employment costs rose 7% to £4,596m.

In thousands	30/9/84	30/9/85	30/6/86	Change '86 from '85
Employees	326	348	357	+3%
Domestic operations	224	240	244	+2%
International operations	104	108	113	+4%

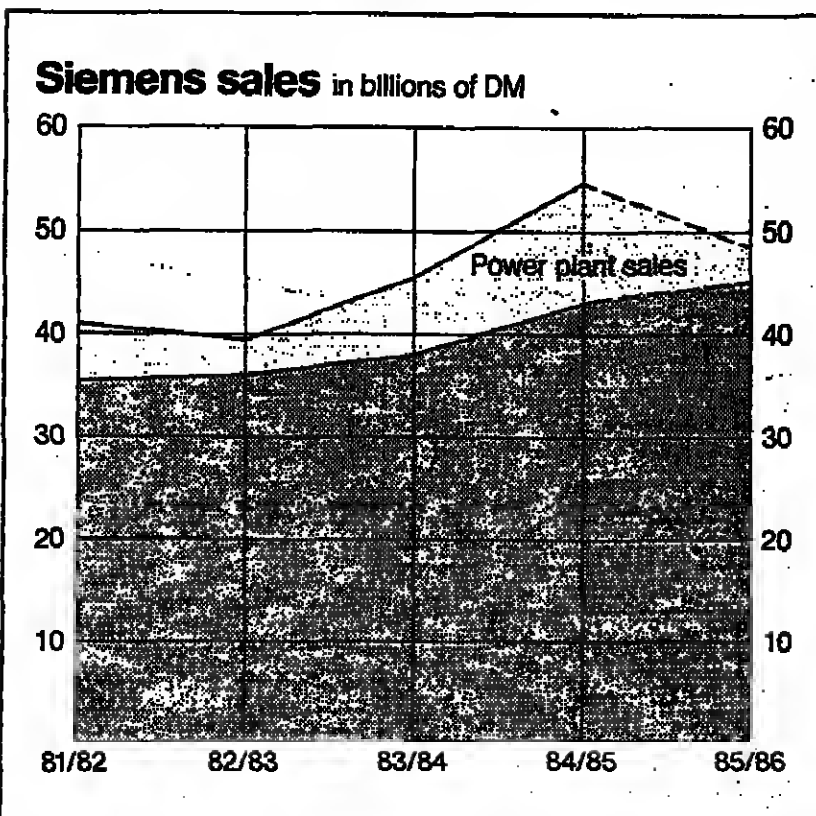
In £m	1/10/83 to 30/6/84	1/10/84 to 30/6/85	1/10/85 to 30/6/86	Change '86 from '85
Average number of employees	324	334	353	+6%
Employment costs	4,247	4,298	4,596	+7%

### Capital spending and net income

In pursuing its growth targets, Siemens increased capital expenditure and investment to £993m in the first nine months of the current financial year, mainly for new high-tech factories. This was 26% more than in the same period last year and double the amount spent during the full financial year 1982/83. Net income after taxes was £293m, yielding a net profit margin of 2.9% as against 2.5% for the comparable period last year.

In £m	1/10/83 to 30/6/84	1/10/84 to 30/6/85	1/10/85 to 30/6/86	Change '86 from '85
Capital expenditure and investment	407	787	993	+26%
Net income after taxes	191	311	293	-6%
% of sales	2.1	2.5	2.9	

All amounts translated at Frankfurt middle rate on 30/6/1986: £1 = DM 3.3650.



### Siemens shows continuous sales growth and fluctuation in power plant business

The level of power plant sales is determined by the billing dates of contracts, while all other areas show continuous sales growth. Siemens sales rose from DM 35.3 billion in the 1981/82 financial year to DM 43.2 billion last year and will top DM 45 billion in the current year. The power plant business contributed additional sales of DM 4.8 billion in 1981/82, 3.4 and 7.5 billion in the following years, and last year power plant sales even reached DM 11.4 billion. However, in the current financial year the contribution from the power plant business will swing back to around DM 3 billion. This means that Siemens steady growth is affected by fluctuations in the power plant business.

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# Garcia seeks political gain from debt crisis

The government of Peru has moved one step closer to an iconoclastic strategy to confront the debt crisis in the developing world after the decision of the International Monetary Fund to declare Peru ineligible to use fund credit lines.

Peru provoked the sanction by paying only \$35 million of a total of \$186 million arrears to the fund.

The president, Senor Alan Garcia, is using the fund's decision to squeeze the maximum political benefit. Over the weekend he spoke to a rally outside the presidential palace, the first *balconazo* (balcony broadside) in nine months.

The major repercussion is that Peru will find it hard to get new loans out of the World Bank and other international lending agencies, according to government finance officials. Peru should still be able to draw on \$1 billion in committed loans.

For the past two years Peru has been sinking steadily into a high-risk creditor category, which means that only the most venturesome financial institutions are willing to extend credit.

The Garcia administration

has tried to limit other types of sanctions by keeping a high profile international position.

"The question is not whether Peru complies with IMF rules," says a Western diplomat. "The country has to become more viable economically."

Peru has an economy which is excessively dependent on commodity exports, especially metals and petroleum. In the past three decades each economic upswing has been choked off by a lack of foreign exchange.

Peru's \$14 billion foreign debt does not give it sufficient leverage to wring concessions from the international financial system, like Argentina, Brazil or Mexico, nor does the government have the negotiating expertise for this approach.

Senor Garcia must contend with a volatile political scene. Peru has the biggest Marxist left in South America.

It regards his performance as tame. The united left received nearly a quarter of the votes in general elections a year ago. Although it cannot challenge him in congress it can stir up unrest in unions and among the jobless.

In addition, the country is torn by a six-year guerrilla war which has cost more than 8,000 lives. The Maoist Shining Path group has exploited extreme conditions of poverty, and the narcotics trade and rising crime have added to the violent trend.

The government's position is that sacrifice must be channelled towards creating prospects for growth rather than paying off bad debts.

In a precedent-breaking move, Senor Garcia has begun conferring with a select group of leading Peruvian and foreign businessmen.

By enlisting corporate allies, the government hopes to build up a healthy capital cycle which reverses the profiteering instincts which have prevailed in the past.

The government's strategy is to overhaul industry so that it replaces imports, exports an increasing share of its output and meets a growing consumer market created by an aggressive redistribution of income.

At the same time the government has put in place the first phases of an agricultural policy which will make farming profitable.

### COMPANY NEWS

**EAST RAND CONSOLIDATED:** First half of 1986. No interim dividend (same). Pretax profit £285,500 (£309,900). Earnings per share 0.75p (1.01p). The board reports that in the second half of this year the group realized a pretax profit of about £1 million on the sale of about 25 per cent of its interest in NMC. It is confident that the results for the full year will show a substantial improvement on 1985 and an unchanged dividend of 1p a share is likely.

**VIBROPLANT:** Total dividend 10.5p (9p) for the year to March 31. Turnover £21.73 million (£19.67 million). Pretax profit £3.28 million (£2.46 million). Earnings per share 34.93p (21.01p). Capital expenditure reached record levels during 1985-86 and profits in the current year are again ahead of the corresponding period last time, the board says.

**EL ELECTRO-OPTICS:** The company has agreed to buy Optical Surfaces for £1.33 million. Optical's net tangible assets at June 30 last were £217,000.

**PERKLESS:** Total dividend 6.5p (same) for the year to March 31. Turnover £42.53 million (£46.17 million). Pretax profit on ordinary activities £1.71 million (loss £379,000). The board explains that profits would have been substantially higher but for losses at Glendale and Peerless Control Systems.

**NATIONWIDE LEISURE:** Six months to April 30. No interim dividend (1.25p last time). Net turnover £7.12 million (£10.25 million). Pretax profit £309,000 (£407,000). Earnings per share, adjusted, 1.8p (4.1p). The directors expect distributable reserves at the year-end to be sufficient to be able to recommend a final dividend comparable to that paid for whole of last year.

**SALVENSEN CHRISTIAN:** The company has continued its expansion by extending Aggreko's generator-hire operations into the Europort region of the Netherlands. The acquisition of Van Rijn Energieopwekkende Apparaten of Maastricht took place on Aug. 15 for 2 million fl (£640,000).

**SCOTTISH EASTERN INVESTMENT TRUST:** Interim dividend 0.85p (0.85p). Six months to July 31. Franked investment income £3.19 million (£2.48 million). Earnings £2.2 million (£3.32 million). Earnings per share 1.08p (1.09p).

**ALBRIGHT AND WILSON:** Sales £327.6 million (£333 million) for the first six months of 1986. Profit, before interest and tax, £24.1 million (£24.9 million). Earnings per share £2.2 million (£20.9 million). The company is a subsidiary of Teacoco International Holdings.

**SHEAFBANK PROPERTY TRUST:** Year to March 31. Final dividend 0.5p (nil). Gross rental income £685,393 (£590,783). Pretax profit £158,187 (£25,004). Earnings per share 0.8p (1.09p). The company's net gearing continues to remain low, at below 30 per cent of shareholders' funds despite continued investment and the upgrading of the portfolio. It has substantial unused medium-term bank facilities to finance expansion.

### Law Report August 19 1986

## Council's decision for child in care quashed

**Regina v Hertfordshire County Council, Ex parte B**  
**Regina v Bedfordshire County Council, Ex parte C**  
**Before Mr Justice Ewbank** [Judgment given August 15]

Where a local authority proposed to allow a child in care home to his natural parent for a trial period, but considered changing their minds solely because they had received unsubstantiated allegations against the parent concerning his suitability as a parent, it was incumbent on the authority to give the parent an opportunity of refuting the allegations before deciding not to allow the child home on trial.

Mr Justice Ewbank, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division, granted an application by C, a father, for judicial review by way of an order quashing the decision of the Bedfordshire County Council communicated to him on December 11, 1985, whereby they refused to consider him for further rehabilitation to his four children who were the subject of care orders made on November 20, 1985, in the Dunstable Juvenile Court.

His Lordship dismissed a similar application made by B, a mother, in respect of the decision of the Hertfordshire County Council permanently to abandon the attempt to rehabilitate her to her son who was made the subject of a full care order on August 9, 1985 at the Barnet Juvenile Court.

Mr John Harwood Stevenson for the father and mother. Mr Roger McCarthy for the local authorities.

MR JUSTICE EW BANK said that in both cases the parents had been hoping for a re-introduction to the children concerned who were the subject of care orders made under section 1(2)(a) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969.

That hope had been thwarted by the local authorities.

Relying on the dicta of Lord Diplock in *O'Reilly v Mackman* (1983) 2 AC 237, 279, it was submitted in each case that the parent was not given the opportunity to put his or her own case and had accordingly been denied natural justice.

The effect of the care orders was to vest in the local authorities parental powers and duties: see section 10 of the Child Care Act 1980.

Under section 18 of the 1980 Act it was the duty of a local authority, in reaching any decision with respect to the child, to give first consideration to the need to promote the welfare of the child; giving due consideration to the child's wishes and feelings.

The parents could not invoke the wardship jurisdiction of the High Court: see *A v Liverpool City Council* (1982) AC 363, but, in the words of Lord Roskill, at p 377: "that is not to

suggest that local authorities are immune from judicial control in an appropriate case... the *Wednesbury* principle available. The remedy of judicial review under Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court is also available in an appropriate case."

The same point was made in *In re W* (1985) AC 791, per Lord Scarman, at p 795H.

In the mother's case, her child was allowed home with her but was removed three months later and the local authority decided in a case conference of the social services department that rehabilitation had failed.

A neighbour had asserted that the mother had come home one evening at about 11.30; that she had been drunk and had fallen and lain in the snow for 20 minutes with her child running about.

But in that case the authority was concerned with wider considerations: they were concerned about the child's weight loss since his time at home and his disruptive behaviour and hyperactivity.

There were many cases where children were allowed home on trial and where the local authority had later to decide that it was not a success. Such a decision was well within the local authority's parental powers and was not amenable to judicial review in an ordinary case. The mother's case was no different from the generality of cases and her application would be dismissed.

In the case of the father, after the care orders had been made and the local authority were proposing to allow the children home to the father on trial, the mother, who was separated from the father, repeated to the police an allegation which she had previously made to her solicitor.

**Tribunal made Post Office bailee of mail**

**Lang v Devon General Ltd**  
Where the central office of industrial tribunals had made a special arrangement with the Post Office, that post received for delivery on a Saturday should be kept until the Monday, a complaint of unfair dismissal delivered to the central office on Monday instead of Saturday should be held to have been delivered in time, and an industrial tribunal had jurisdiction to hear the complaint.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal (Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, Mr T. H. Jenkins and Mr A. D. Scott) so held on July 23 when allowing an appeal by Mrs Monica Lang from a decision of an Exeter industrial tribunal last February that her complaint that the employers, Devon Gen-

eral Ltd, had dismissed her unfairly was presented more than three months after her dismissal contrary to section 67(2) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978.

SIR RALPH KILNER BROWN said that the appeal tribunal derived considerable assistance from the decision in *Hodgson v Armstrong* (1967) 1 QB 299, in the Court of Appeal, where a similar arrangement had been made by the Post Office with the local county court.

The Court of Appeal had held that the county court was not constituting the Post Office the bailee of the mail. The appeal tribunal would follow that decision.

Solicitors: Pollards, Borehamwood; Mr W J Church, Hertford; Mr R F K Corder, Bedford.

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# When wages begin to bite

There are now a barrage of reports available which conclude that Britain's future success in information technology will be thwarted increasingly by a severe shortage of well-trained and experienced staff.

Last week those largely academic and government studies were joined by a survey from the research consultancy, Hay-MSL, which revealed that some high technology companies are no longer bothering to advertise many of their information technology vacancies.

The number of jobs advertised by high technology industries in the first six months of 1986 fell by more than 50 per cent, compared with the same period last year, says the quarterly report which monitors job adverts for a variety of different industries in the national press.

No one believes, in the present economic climate, that the number of vacancies has fallen, but rather that the severe shortage of experienced staff for many sectors in the information technology industry seems to be making more and more computer professionals unlikely to move to jobs offering traditional salary levels.

Those firms, unable or unwilling to pay higher salaries, have given up or reduced their advertising in despair. "Computer analysts and programmers for the company offering average salaries are extremely difficult to find," said Brian Woodrow of Hay-MSL. He points to cost control, particularly on work associated with defence contracts, mak-

ing many high-tech companies intent on holding salary levels for staff down to modest increases.

With one major exception - the recruitment of computer staff for the Big Bang in October - companies have been remarkably successful in preventing large salary increases for most job functions in high technology.

While conventional demand and supply economics would point to salary rises as the automatic response to a severe shortage of qualified employees, the staff who work in the data-processing departments of companies that make extensive use of computers have generally not seen their pay rise much faster than, say, the

sophisticated computer systems that work efficiently will, it is argued, justify the expense.

The City has another advantage: computer systems in any quantity are relatively new and, unlike in many other industries, computer staff do not have to fit into rigid departmental groupings. Salaries for data-processing managers are often comparable with other department heads in companies that have had computer departments for years. Consequently, salaries for computer staff in the department tend to remain fixed to maintain differentials with other jobs.

But salary levels that do not reflect the shortage of experienced staff result in both unfilled vacancies and a reluctance by employers to train staff - crucial if the shortage is to be reduced. Once trained, employers say their staff are often poached by other companies who will find it cheaper than providing their own training.

A recent report by the National Computing Centre discovered that more than half of the 342 companies surveyed had no wish to hire adult trainees, although three-quarters felt that training was the responsibility of an employer.

Increased salaries for high technology staff that recognize the shortage and value of experience, as witnessed by recruitment for the Big Bang, may be the only way to convince employers that training may be a cheaper option in the long run than putting up with the poaching of staff and unfilled vacancies.

# Know it all - do nothing

By Chris Naylor

For anyone who knows little about computers, the introduction of new technology to a firm can seem daunting and threatening.

With its new jargon, would-be users find it easy to believe that if the language used to describe what is going on is so alien, the actual activities must be even more so.

Is it then necessary to be "computer literate"? The answer is a definite yes, but first you must identify the various stages of computer literacy so you can work out exactly how computerate you need to be for maximum career impact.

At the lowest stage there are those who can use the jargon. Often, they can use it better than those higher up the hierarchy of computerate and will come up with real treats, such as "a user-friendly interface to window transparency which lures you out to be a colour screen."

This stage of computerate can be acquired in a few weeks



simply by reading a few computer magazines. Ideally, you will read them while watching TV or taking a bath.

Whatever you do, do not try to understand the magazines because this will only confuse you. You are trying, after all, to acquire the chat, not the knowledge.

And it can be invaluable in your work. Once people hear you talking like that, can promotion be far behind?

The next step up is to have some idea what the jargon means. This does not take that much longer and you can progress to that stage from the first simply by reading the

magazines for a bit longer and trying to concentrate on what they seem to be saying.

This, too, can be invaluable in your career because, at this stage, you can beat the person at the first stage simply because you will know what he or she is talking about - even if he or she does not - and anyone who cannot see the promotional mileage in that does not have much of a career in prospect anyway.

The third stage is, really, a potential red herring in that it consists of being computerate to the point where you can actually use computers. The only way to get to this

third stage is by actually putting your hands on a computer and trying, and eventually succeeding, in getting it to do what you want it to do.

The result: you will become genuinely computerate and, as might follow, day, indispensable to your firm because you are the most computerate person on the payroll.

You are the one who can really do things with the machine. So, why is this a red herring for those with a career in mind?

Well, it is just that, if you Continued on page 23

# A testing time for Amstrad

By Martin Banks

One of the great ironies of the personal computing business is just how many Sinclair Spectrum or Commodore 64s now reside, forlorn and forgotten, in cupboards and drawers up and down the country?

The question, until recently, might well have been considered academic. Now it is becoming increasingly pertinent, for the public are once again soon to be assailed with a new computer system from Amstrad which is intended, at least in part, to take the IBM PC standard into the home.

It is a market that the company has made almost its own during the past year by producing a range of computer systems, culminating so far in the 8256 and 8512 word processors. Now, come the PCW Show in London next month, it will have its own IBM PC-clone available in a range of specifications, starting from around £460.

The arrival of this machine will make an interesting run-up to Christmas, the traditional time in which home computer users, their friends, relatives and sceptics tend to rush out and buy new products.

It will be a testing time for Amstrad, to see if it can achieve the same levels of success with its PC as it has done already with the word processors and home computers. There have to be some doubts, both about Amstrad's potential performance and about the market.

Amstrad's position has several factors against it. First, it will seem to many users to be competing against itself. The PC clone will appear more expensive than the current PCW - and unlike the PCW it does not include a printer. For any potential customer who wants a system, rather than a specifically PC-compatible system, Amstrad's PC could seem a poor purchase compared to Amstrad's PCW.

Customers who specifically want a PC-compatible are probably professional people whose work spills over into the home. But Amstrad still faces problems, for there are many other competitors in the market already.

Far East companies have come to the same conclusions as Amstrad, that the IBM PC specification is easy to copy, made of easily obtained components and sub-systems and - in the forms marketed

by the likes of Olivetti, Compaq and IBM - arguably over-priced for what they are.

This is definitely the case if service, support, development and marketing promotion costs are excluded from the price. These days, a PC takes no design work, is cheap to build and has a well-defined marketplace. Given this, the last year or so has seen a steady stream of PC-clones appearing with increasingly competitive pricing.

Having gone under £1,000 earlier this year, the price of a PC clone has tumbled fast.

Unlike the launch of the PCW about a year ago, Amstrad's new PC will have a number of competitors with exactly comparable products - no one can be too different in a standard market like the IBM PC. And for users looking for the best value in this area, other suppliers might look better than Amstrad.

Even worse, these systems are already available. This presupposes there are sales to be made with cheap PC clones, which is arguable among some potential groups of users. Certainly there is considerable scope among the small business community and the self-employed.

## Wealth of good software

The PC has become the standard workhorse of many businesses, with a wealth of good applications software available. Yet the relatively high price of standard PCs and compatibles has inhibited their sale into these important groups. Cheap hardware, coupled with the cheap software now appearing, will open up this market.

But the potential of sales of cheap PC clones into the home must be considered a trifle dubious. As a games player, these machines are grossly over-specified and over-priced, even at £450.

Many of the millions who have bought computers in the past for such purposes have often soon lost interest.

Lastly, the type of applications software readily available - spreadsheets, database managers and the like - are too strongly oriented to business use. Only word processing and, perhaps, communications software could be of any real interest to non-business home users.

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New man takes up the challenge as sleeping London giants strive for a return to the glory glory days

# Prudent Pleat is looking for winners

When the Football League season opens on Saturday some big-city clubs will be hoping to end lengthy spells without first division success. In the first of a four-part series, David Miller assesses Tottenham Hotspur's chances

There is a difference between being financially prudent and being meagre. Tottenham, so often dazzling on the field, have until recently tended to the latter. Bill Nicholson was among the first to jump at the increased opportunity of bringing great players to a successful club with the end of the maximum wage, but he remained a shade too careful over wages. Thrift, from the pre-war era, was stitched into the club's way of life.

"Nick" would inspect each training ball to see if it would last another season; and today he still lives in the semi, comfortably modernized, only a stone's throw from the ground, where he was before he became manager. Honesty poured out of him with the sweat from his furrowed brow.

The boardroom, which largely let him run the club, was old-fashioned, dignified, paternalistic... and mean. Small-mindedness nearly brought the club to its knees six years ago, a failure to react to the times, to realize Tottenham's true status. Meanness saw Pat Jennings unnecessarily leave for Arsenal, saw club servants inadequately treated. Nicholson included. When a neighbour of one of the Tottenham directors installed a swimming pool in a fashionable north London suburb, he discovered that the Water Board had been telephoned to check if he had upgraded his water-rate.

Inadequate funding of the new grandstand threatened Tottenham with the same financial crisis which had overtaken Chelsea. I stepped Irving Scholar, a tax-exile millionaire, to shake modernize the financial administration. Scholar, barely middle-aged, is a life-long supporter, as he tirelessly tells anyone. Having bought his ultimate place, he wants it, not surprisingly, to work. Tottenham have not won the league championship since 1961.

There are reasons, as Arsenal and Chelsea will tell you. London ought to be the power to the game, but expensive footballers tend not to identify with their obligations as readily in the socially up-market south as they do in Lancashire, Saint Etienne, Nantes and Bordeaux likewise find it easier than Parisian clubs.

Tottenham, mind you, have continuously played entertaining football, and after the departure of Terry Neill and with the arrival of Ardiles from Argentina in 1979, they twice won the FA Cup. Yet in the league they remained the nearly team: since 1979 their position has been eleventh, fourteenth, tenth, fourth, fourth, eighth, third and tenth. Keith Burkinshaw was sacked despite his Cup triumphs, Peter Shreeve came and, out surprisingly, went. Now it is the turn of David Pleat, a manager

of intelligence who has shown he can make bricks with little straw. The speculation has been that Pleat, the third in a succession of quietly spoken managers, will not have the temperamental resilience to withstand the expectations of a chairman as youthfully excitable as if he was still on the terraces with a clamouring public.

White Hart Lane is not Luton, as Pleat is discovering. He hasn't played a league match yet and already his drawer is full of accusatory Press cuttings which he believes are legally actionable but about which he will do nothing except smile. Luton's accusation that he is stealing their players is the least of the criticisms.

## An end to free lunches as Pleat's policies begin to bite

And his most frequent caller on the phone is the chairman. "I'm learning to live with it," he says with an understanding smile. "He's so enthusiastic, constantly wanting my opinions on everything, so that I sometimes have to say I haven't got time to explain, to tell him not to worry about the players, that I'll look after that. He's only been chairman a few years and if I'm the right man for the job, he knows he must let me get on with it and practice my policies."

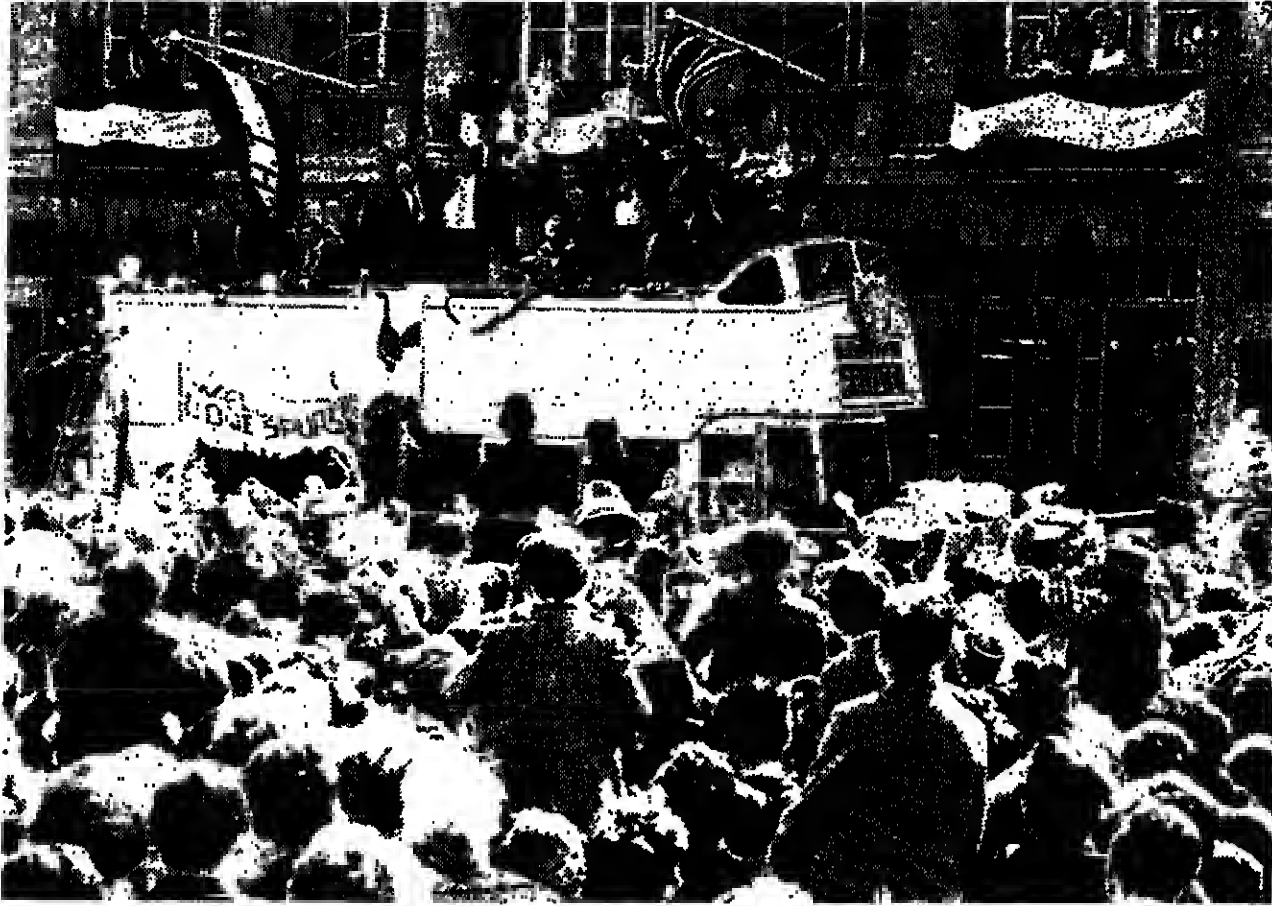
The players are already finding one or two of Pleat's policies something of a shock. Free lunches after training at Chestnut - the training ground which has been sold but is still in use - have been stopped unless there is further training in the afternoon. Reimbursement of green fees at local golf clubs is under review. "Why," asks Pleat with the air of astonishment of a manager from the provinces, "should the club pay for the players' hobbies?" Self-indulgence is probably one factor in Tottenham's under-performance; though Pleat was impressed when the team unanimously refused a gift cheque from the beneficiary of a testimonial match at Gillingham.

Another, and maybe the major, challenge facing Pleat is the acceptance over the past six years or more of the club's most gifted player Glenn Hoddle. Looking at the mannered posters on the Underground, in which he models clothes specially fashioned for him, you would ever suppose that Hoddle was a footballer. A voguish photographer, perhaps, or an interior designer, but hardly a man in physical contact.

Pleat had a simple way of estimating the efficiency of his teams at Luton. At the end of the season he would mark



New wave: David Pleat (above) is the man Tottenham Hotspur supporters are hoping can create a side to emulate the successes of the great double-winning team of 1961, pictured below as they arrived on an open deck bus outside the Town Hall in Tottenham to attend a civic reception in their honour



each of them as being a "winner" or a "loser." In the best team he had, he found there were three losers, "which was at least one too many - and they were all players I liked."

The sobering aspect about Hoddle's exceptional skills is that on foreign club he has ever made a serious effort to prise him away. It is probable that by April next year Hoddle could be on Pleat's private list as a loser, yet to get rid of Hoddle if the team were not winning would be to hang a goose for himself even if in Hoddle's most illustrious

seasons he was leaning heavily on the industry of Ardiles. He is an entertainer when one up rather than a life-saver when one down.

"The public, and even people in the game, tend to have fixed ideas about the players, about Roberts, say, as much as Hoddle," Pleat says. "I'm open-minded. I think Roberts could be a very useful midfielder player and Hoddle's attitude has been excellent in training. The players don't know quite what to expect of me, which is a good thing. It's stimulating for me to converse with new

players because management is a continuously learning process. The test will come when the will among the players to want to do well for a new manager has worn off. How hungry will they be?"

He is fascinated to see what he can do with two other England players, Waddle and Mabbutt. "Unpredictable players like Waddle can be useful if the other players will accept them," Pleat says. "In time, Waddle, being left-footed, could be a very good right-winger. He's so talented and I see him as a super chal-

enge for a manager. He has to learn the alternatives but he's only had one year in London so far."

The versatility of Mabbutt, who won one cap two seasons ago and is capable of playing in almost any position, persuaded Pleat not to worry about failing to sign Butcher, though he has since signed Gough. He thinks Mabbutt could play as a free central defender, and that the wages Butcher was demanding would have made a rod for his own back when several contracts have to be re-negotiated in the near future.

Pleat finds himself surprised at some of the players on the books and, thinking out loud, wondered how they got there. Yet he is stimulated by the knowledge that if all goes well there is a dormant mine of public enthusiasm into which to expand, which is never there for the smaller club. "To a lesser club you are always breaking up the team because of lack of funds," he says. "At Luton, a major night for the club, a superb performance by the team, could go by almost without being noticed. There are only so many people out there who are available to enjoy it."

But what about the possible bad omen at Tottenham? "When the public are clamouring with impatience, I'll count to 10 and try not to be impatient myself. I'm merely grateful for the opportunity to be manager of a famous club. If they start throwing stones, if Hoddle should decide to leave, I'll still have to be given 18 months. Peter Taylor always used to say at Nottingham that what you need as a club is bodies. I was looking at Alan Mullery's list of players down at Brighton one of the other day. He's only got 15. We had a photo-call here recently and I found myself looking around at the size of the squad. They may not all be right, but I have got bodies."

### TOMORROW

How money has failed to bring the title to Manchester United

## Hoddle is back for Spurs

Tottenham Hotspur received another boost yesterday with the news that Glenn Hoddle, the England midfielder player, has shaken off a back injury and looks certain to start the season at Aston Villa on Saturday. This comes after Sunday's signing of Richard Gough. Before flying off to Barcelona yesterday for a pre-season tournament, David Pleat, the manager, said: "I expect Glenn to play in Spain."

Gough, the Scottish World Cup defender, bought from Dundee United for £750,000, was with the Tottenham party that left Heathrow airport along with Mitchell Thomas, the former Luton left back, a recent acquisition.

Pleat added: "I am pleased to have signed both these lads and I will decide just who plays where when I have had a look at the team."

## Blind justice saves Kennedy a fine

The Portsmouth chairman, John Deacon, has defended his decision not to penalise their former captain, Mike Kennedy, who was sent off in the friendly against Queens Park Rangers on Saturday, despite a pledge that he would fine every player sent off this season £100 in an attempt to clean up the club's image.

Kennedy, who was transferred to Aston Villa on Saturday, listed at his own request after having the captaincy taken away from him as part of the campaign, was dismissed for hitting the Queen's Park Rangers forward John Byrne, but Deacon said: "He was unlucky because the referee did not see what happened, and only had his attention drawn by a linesman."

"When we began this fines system, we told the players we would assess each individual case, and we have decided Mick should not be fined. In his case he retaliated and had already been booked."

## Britain's heavy presence

The experienced heavyweights, Geoff Thompson and Vic Charles, and the world light-heavyweight champion, Pat McCay, came strongly through elimination contests at the Crystal Palace over the weekend to head their expected places in the British team for the world championships in Sydney from October 3 to 6.

A 12-man team and three women are being sent by the British Karate Federation. The British are favourites to retain the men's team title, which they have won on the last two occasions, and to pick up individual medals.

"This is the strongest team we have ever sent to world championships," Tony Ryan, the team manager, said. He is pinning hopes, not only on established figures such as Thompson and McCay, but also on the precocious talents of Willie Thomas, aged 21, the European light-middleweight champion.

## Michel rings changes in France team

Lausanne (Reuters) - Henri Michel, the France manager, will barely be on shaking hands terms with most of the side that faces Switzerland in a friendly international here tonight. The World Cup third-placed team have already seen Giresse, Rocheteau and Bossis retire, while Platini and Tigana are still considering their international futures.

With Genghini (ill) and Fernandez (injured), Michel warned: "We must solve our problems quickly. We play our first European championship qualifier against Iceland on September 10." Michel's problems ensure a barely recognizable France side tonight as Dominique Bijotat, Fabrice Poulain, Basile Boli, aged 19, Jean-Christophe Thouvenal and Gerard Buscher, all find a chance to enhance their careers.

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## Victory for Green in stableford

Castle Rock, Colorado (AP) - Ken Green birdied two of the last three holes at the 7,503-yard Castle Pines Golf club course to win the new and controversial international stableford tournament and take the \$18,000 first prize.

Green finished on 12 points under the modified Stableford scoring system in an event offering a total of \$1 million in prize money. His six-under-par medal score of 66 did not count.

Only the points acquired under the Stableford scoring system have any bearing, and these were awarded on the basis of the score on each hole: 10 for three under par; five for two under par; minus one for one over par; and minus three for two over par or worse.

Green, whose only previous victory in five years on the PGA tour came in the 1985 Buick Open, had six birdies in his round, taking the lead with a 15-foot putt on the 12th hole, and holding it the rest of the way.

The veteran, J C Sneed, of the United States, West German Bernhard Langer, Howard Twitty, of the United States, and the South African, Nick Price, all challenged the leader during the match. But Green confirmed his lead with critical par putts on the 14th and 15th, and birdied the 16th after an approach shot to within six feet of the pin.

Langer, holding second position, needed to hole his second shot on the par-four 18th for a two under par to beat Green. But he left the approach short, then chipped to within about 8ft of the flag.

## Russians lose to US again

Moscow (Reuters) - The United States women's team confirmed their supremacy by beating the Soviet Union 108-98 (half time 56-43) in the world championship final yesterday.

The Russians revamped their side after last month's Goodwill Games defeat by the Americans - their first reverse for 28 years - but were unable to withstand the relentless pressure of their opponents, led by Cheryl Miller who scored 24 points. Olga Yakovleva hit 29 points in reply.

## Navratilova's win confirms her form

Los Angeles (Reuters) - Martina Navratilova defeated Chris Lloyd, 7-6, 6-3 on Sunday to win the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles Tournament and the \$45,000 (about £30,000) first prize in one of the best matches between the two women.

The major difference in was Mrs Lloyd's erratic serving game. But she matched Miss Navratilova to every other phase of the game. They both made several brilliant passing shots, and when Mrs Lloyd's serve pinned Miss Navratilova to the baseline, Mrs Lloyd often would score with drop shots.

Miss Navratilova took the first break for 2-1, but Mrs Lloyd, who won \$20,000 (about £13,000) quickly pulled back to 3-3. Miss Navratilova broke again to lead 6-5 and seemed to be on her way to serve out the set but Mrs Lloyd saved three set points - two of them passing shots - and went on to force the tie-breaker.

But with the help of two double faults, Miss Navratilova closed out the first set in 64 minutes. Only one break was needed in the second set to give Miss Navratilova the championship, and once more a Mrs Lloyd double fault, her eighth in the match, cost her dearly. It gave Miss Navratilova, who now holds a 37-33 lead in matches between the two women, the sixth game, a 4-2 lead and effectively the match. "If I'd have won that first set, it could have been a different story," said Mrs Lloyd.

In the doubles final, Miss Navratilova and Pam Shriver, of the United States, won 6-4, 6-3 against Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, of West Germany, and Helena Sukova, of Czechoslovakia.

RESULTS: Singles final: M Navratilova (US) 7-6, 6-3, 6-3; Chris Lloyd (US) 6-7, 3-6, 3-6. Doubles final: Navratilova and Shriver (US) 6-4, 6-3; Kohde-Kilsch and Sukova (GER/CZE) 4-6, 3-6.

## Learning the hard way

Toronto (Reuters) - Playing an aggressive and gutsy game, Boris Becker showed he can win on hard courts on Sunday rallying from a set down to beat Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the \$375,000 (£244,000) Player's International championship here.

"In general, to win on hard courts you need more than just a big serve - you have to play good returns, good volleys and you have to think much more than on grass," Becker said, accurately summing up his winning strategy.

## Denmark romp to victory

Denmark won their third successive world team title at Odsal Stadium, Bradford, on Sunday while the United States gained revenge for their recent defeat by England.

The Danes were too powerful for the rest, even allowing for the below-par form of their world champion and captain, Derek Godderson, who had clutch problems and was his side's lowest scorer.

England and the United States were locked throughout the meeting but England went into the final heat with a two-point lead.

England's Simon Wing led from the tapes with the American Lance King in third place but an engine failure allowed King to win the race with Wing last.

The Danes were superbly led by Tommy Knudsen (Coventry), Hans Nielsen (Oxford) and Jan Pedersen (Cradley Heath), in a admirable team show.

King headed the American challenge on his home track while Kevin Tatum (Coventry) was England's best on the dry, sunny day.

Sweden gave a poor showing throughout the day and finished in fourth of the teams competing and were relegated to Group B.

RESULTS: 1, Denmark 42 (Knudsen 15, Nielsen 12, Pedersen 9, Godderson 6); 2, United States 30 (King 14, Pedersen 8, Tatum 6, Smeets 1, Miller 1); 3, England 28; (Tatum 8, Wigg 7, Hester 7, Deacon 7); 4, Sweden 19 (Anderson 10, Miller 5, Johnson 3, Sheehan 1). Overall positions: 1, Denmark, 3; 2, United States, 4; 3, England, 4; 4, Sweden, 5.

## Thibodaux wins Formula One title

Gene Thibodaux, of the United States, was declared the 1986 Formula One world champion this weekend (a Special Correspondent writes).

His victory at the Beaumont Grand Prix in Texas put him in an unassailable position on the points table, with one event still remaining to complete the series.

Both British drivers, Rick Frost and Andy Bullen, retired. Frost only completed two laps

before pulling into the pits and Bullen retired after the fifth lap.

RESULTS: 1, G Thibodaux (US) 50 points; 2, G Frost (GB) 10 points; 3, B Wood (US) 10 points; 4, A Kennedy (US) 10 points; 5, R Ingleton (US) 10 points; 6, R Acferman (US) 10 points; 7, P Jones (US) 10 points; 8, J Johnson (US) 10 points; 9, J Sheehan (US) 10 points; 10, J Miller (US) 10 points.

### POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

- FOURTH DIVISION
- 2 Arsenal v Man U
  - 1 A Villa v Tottenham
  - 2 Charlton v Sheffield W
  - 1 Everton v Norwich
  - 1 Everton v Nottm
  - 1 Leicester v Luton
  - 1 Man C v Walsley
  - 2 Newcastle v Liverpool
  - 1 Southampton v QPR
  - 1 Watford v Oxford
  - 1 West Ham v Coventry
- SECOND DIVISION
- 2 Barnsley v C Palace
  - 2 Blackburn v Leeds
  - 2 Bradford v Plymouth
  - 1 Brighton v Portsmouth
  - 1 Derby v Oldham
  - 1 Derby v Oxford
  - 1 York v Darlington
  - Not on course: Middlesbrough v Port Vale.
- THIRD DIVISION
- 1 Blackpool v Chester
  - 2 Bolton v Swindon
  - 1 Brentford v Bournemouth
  - 1 Bristol C v Bury
  - 1 Gillingham v Carlisle
  - 2 Mansfield v Doncaster
  - 2 Newport v Gillingham
  - 1 Notts Co v Walsley
  - 1 Rotherham v Fulham
  - 1 Walsall v Bristol R
  - 1 York v Darlington
  - Not on course: Middlesbrough v Port Vale.
- FIRST DIVISION
- 1 Hull v Orient
  - 1 Hull v Aldershot
  - 1 Hartlepool v Cardiff
  - 1 Hereford v Walsley
  - 1 Lincoln v Colchester
  - 1 Peterborough v Southend
  - 1 Rochdale v Crewe
  - 2 Southampton v Warrington
  - Not on course: Swinsea
  - 1 Stockport v Torquay
  - 1 Burnley v Tranmere
  - 1 Wolves v Cambridge U
- SCOTTISH PREMIER
- 1 Celtic v Aberdeen
  - 1 Dundee U v Hearts
  - 1 Falkirk v Dundee
  - 1 Hamilton v Rangers
  - 1 Hibernian v Motherwell
  - 1 St Mirren v Clydebank
- SCOTTISH FIRST
- 2 Brechin v Morton
  - 1 Dumbarton v Forfar
  - 1 Dunfermline v Clyde
  - 1 East Fife v Raith
  - 1 Kilmarnock v Montrose
  - 1 Partick v On of Gh
- SCOTTISH SECOND
- 1 Alloa v Arbroath
  - 2 Arbroath v Stirling Albion
  - 1 Berwick v Stirling
  - 1 Cowdenbeath v Stirling
  - 1 Dundee U v Stirling
  - 1 East Fife v Raith
  - Not on course: Queen's Park
  - 1 Stranraer v Stirling Albion
- HOMES: West Ham, Derby, Ipswich, Sheffield United, Stoke, Blackpool, Bristol City, Walsley, York, St Mirren, Dumbarton, Middlesbrough.
- FIXED ODDS: Home: West Ham, Derby, Ipswich, Sheffield United, Stoke, Blackpool, Bristol City, Walsley, York, St Mirren, Dumbarton, Middlesbrough. Away: Sheffield Wednesday, Crystal Palace, Gillingham, Oxford, Aston Villa, Brighton, Falkirk.
- ALWAYS: Sheffield Wednesday, Liverpool, Crystal Palace, Gillingham, Milton.



Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle and Elizabeth Larrard

- BBC 1
1.00 Coexist AM
1.30 Breakfast Time with Frank...

- TV-AM
8.15 Good Morning Britain
presented by Anne Diamond...

- BBC 2
6.55 Open University, Science:
Shown to the Sea, Ends at 7.20...

- CHANNEL 4
2.15 Channel Four Racing from
York: Rough Scott...

- Radio 4
On long wave, VHF Stereo at end,
5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News Briefing...

- Radio 3
On VHF only, 5.35 Open University,
Until 11.30pm, Modern art:
Surrealist Show...

- Radio 2
Enesco (Sept chansons de
Maurice Strakosky, Dvorak
(Romance in F minor), with...

- WORLD SERVICE
6.00 Newswatch 6.30 Compupoint 7.00
News 7.20 Today's News 7.30...



NO ONE SPEAKS FOR THE DEAD (TV, 10.30pm)
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of their ever being found
graves. The third victim...

wait 13 years for a film such
as Dennis Adams's THE OUCHY
OF CORNWALL (BBC1,
8.30pm)...

Enesco (Sept chansons de
Maurice Strakosky, Dvorak
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# Cram seeks test as Sharpe tries to prove a point

Steve Cram, seeking reassurance that a recent Achilles tendon injury has improved, will compete at 1,000 metres in tonight's Dairy Crest Games in Birmingham, taking on his training partner from Jarrow, David Sharpe, and the Commonwealth Games 800 metres bronze medal winner, Peter Elliott.

Unless the injury has caused greater disruption to his training than he has let on, Cram's appearance should be something of a formality, but the real contest is likely to be behind him, between Sharpe and Elliott. Both are non-travelling reserves for the European championships, which begin in Stuttgart on August 26, with Elliott still unhappy that he has been named as reserve for the 1,500 metres instead of the 800 metres, his speciality. The reserve for the shorter event is Sharpe, the 19-year-old world junior champion, who has been nominated presumably on the grounds that his 1,500 metres running is nowhere near as strong as Elliott's, who has run 3min.35.62 sec for the metric mile.

For Cram, the invitation meeting at least provides a timely chance to test his leg on the eve of the championships at which he is due to contest both the 800 and 1,500 metres. But for many of the other British athletes, travel and competition weary, even the

subventions offered by the British Athletic Promotion Unit have been an insufficient carrot to tempt them into further competition while they are trying to prepare for Stuttgart.

At least Allan Wells, the 1980 Olympic champion, cannot be accused of having over-raced this year, and tonight he faces his successor, the United Kingdom 100 metres record holder, Linford Christie, while taking part as a guest in the final of the British Rail Sprint Trophy during the meeting. In the 200 metres, Wells comes up against Canada's Commonwealth champion Atee Mahorn, whom he beat in Gateshead earlier this month but who then turned the tables on him in Budapest three days later.

In the mile, the contest between the 1976 Olympic 1,500 metres champion John Walker of New Zealand and the 1978 Commonwealth 1,500 metres champion David Moorcroft, apart from being a tribute to their continuing longevity, could also be hailed as a prelude to next week's saturation TV coverage of Stuttgart, when Walker will be working as an analyst for ITV and Moorcroft in a similar role for BBC.

Not unexpectedly, tonight's meeting has a strong Commonwealth presence, with many of those who were not able to run at Edinburgh

through selectorial or boycott causes, still trying to throw different lights on the results there. Others who were there were trying to do the same thing, and among them will be Fatima Whitbread, who has suddenly been robbed of her chance for revenge over Tessa Sanderson in the European Championships women's javelin. Miss Whitbread now seems destined to spend a frustrating year, with no chance of redressing the gold medal balance until next August, following Miss Sanderson's withdrawal from the rest of this season through injury.

The British Amateur Athletic Board announced yesterday that Carl Thackeray of Hallamshire Harriers would be replacing Commonwealth champion Jon Solly at 10,000 metres in the British team for Stuttgart. They had reconsidered the position when Solly withdrew from the team, after they had earlier declined to nominate a reserve for the event. Thackeray, who finished fourth in the Amateur Athletics Association's championships in his best time of 28 min 03.68 sec, narrowly missed selection for the Commonwealth Games but had beaten by nearly half a minute Steve Harris in the AAA's race and Harris has already been named for Stuttgart.



Pulling off victory: the British women's lightweight coxless four on their way to winning their heat yesterday

## British medal hopes are high

By Jim Railton

On a high perfect course, the world silver medal holders, Martin Cross and Adam Clift, of Great Britain, won their heat in the coxless pairs yesterday in the world rowing championships at Nottingham to qualify for Friday's semi-final rounds.

Yesterday they appeared to be letting the race slip away, and only one crew in the heat was to qualify. By the 1,000-metre stage the new United States pair, Michael Teit and John Strotbeck, were a good length clear and looking impressive.

Even a young Austrian pair of totally unknown pedigree were stamping on the Union Jack. The British stroke, Martin Cross, decided enough was enough. Four minutes into the race he effortlessly pressed the accelerator. The British simply sliced through the opposition and arrogantly held off a token late challenge by the United States to take the race.

The Russian Pimenov brothers, the world cham-

ions, looked mightily impressive cruising through to win their heat, and there are many good pairs around. The Pimenovs survived the British late charge in last year's world championships by eight hundredths of a second, and I have a gut feeling that Cross and Clift are going to be a key factor again in this event and keep us with clenched white fists.

The Italian world and Olympic champions in coxed pairs, the Abbagnale brothers, sent the Italian Press running to the landing stage to cover a national catastrophe when their crew finished last, broken by the East Germans after leading at half way. Britain's Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes cruised to a very easy victory for a berth in Friday's semi-final rounds, recording the fastest heat of the day.

British crews are not only on beam in their medal quest after yesterday's heats for women's lightweight and men's heavyweight, but appear to have unearthed another crew of medal potential.

Britain's lightweight double-scullers, Gillian Bond and Carol Ann Wood, won their heat in the lightweight double-sculls to qualify for Saturday's final. With only one crew to qualify directly for the final six, the British double were engaged in a fierce battle with the Belgians, and just lifted their rate sufficiently to win by a bare third of a length in the second fastest time of the day.

With the abdication of Britain's world champions, Lin Clark and Beryl Crockett, this event is wide open. The front runners are Great Britain, Belgium, the United States and the Netherlands, who appear to be within a third of a length of each other. But the West Germans, Claudia Fachinger and Cristiane Zimmer, who were victors in Lucerne, finished third in the Britons' heat, and no one can tell me that they have lost eight lengths since Lucerne.

Britain's lightweight women's flagship, the coxless four, who won the Common-

wealth Games gold medal, won their heat in the fastest time of the day for a place in Saturday's final. But they will have questions in their mind over the United States, who were almost a length ahead with 490 metres to go, when they appeared to hit a bogey and came to a standstill, and that was that.

Lightweight single sculler, Beryl Crockett, in the easiest heat, finished third and will certainly need insurance to cover her survival in the repechage. The mid spark seems to have sadly deserted her.

And poor Young Britain's coxed four had a baptism of fire. They walked straight into the Russian world champions, East Germany, Poland, and France in a hostile race, and finished last.

Britain's other crews racing yesterday had mixed fortunes. The men's coxless four gained a place in the semi-final rounds, while the quadruple scullers and the eight have a last chance for survival in the repechages.

# Cram and Aouita heading towards London meeting

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Cologne

The meeting between Steve Cram and Said Aouita, the most eagerly awaited athletic encounter of the season, despite the imminent European championships, could take place in London on September 12.

Cram and Aouita, the current leading middle-distance runners in the world, had been due to race in the penultimate Mobil Grand Prix meeting at Brussels on September 5, something that Cram confirmed last week. However, Wilfrid Meert, the Brussels promoter, was having misgivings yesterday about the projected match at his meeting and Aouita, after his latest near miss at the world record here on Sunday, his third in 10 days, said that he thought it unlikely that he and Cram would meet in Brussels.

Aouita said: "Cram will probably be too tired to have such a big match after five races at the European championships the previous week. In any case I can't see Cram agreeing to meet me over the mile or the 2,000 metres, which are his world records, which I would prefer

to run, and I don't want to race him at 1,500 metres, which is my world record."

But Aouita admitted that he was coming to London on September 12, something which Andy Norman, the head of the British Athletics Promotions Unit, confirmed yesterday. Norman also said that Cram was now going to run the 800 metres in Brussels, "which means that they won't be meeting there, because Aouita will never do 800 metres against Cram."

But Norman refused to confirm that the pair would meet in London. He is still mindful of the media maelstrom in which he found himself last year as instigator of the Mary Dicker-Zola Budd meeting, when the race turned into a walkover for the American, and Miss Budd was later discovered to have earned £90,000 despite finishing fourth. It is likely that negotiations over money are also the cause of the shift of this potential meeting between Cram and Aouita from Brussels to London.

Norman went on to say: "Nothing will be decided on Aouita's part, whether he is

finally coming and what event he will run until after the Grand Prix final in Rome."

But Norman is trying to turn this final meeting in Europe this year, ostensibly a United Kingdom versus West Germany match, into the climax of the season, which the IAC meeting used to be before it had to change dates to be included on the Grand Prix circuit. And an Aouita-Cram race would complete the occasion.

Aouita said he would be as loathe to meet Cram in London as he felt Cram would to meet him in Casablanca. But the Moroccan has been known to change his mind, even in mid-sentence. He was as entertaining as ever in his Press conference after his 3,000 metres in 7:32.23, just 0.1 sec outside Henry Rono's record. And many people are pointing out that that annual time for Rono was because of the delay in starting a watch by hand, intrinsically slower than Aouita's time. But the Moroccan said: "I know that I've run faster than Rono, but I want everyone else to know it too. That means I've got to run under 7:30."

### SWIMMING

## Moorhouse appeal fails

Madrid (Reuters)—Britain's Adrian Moorhouse yesterday lost an appeal against disqualification which cost him a gold medal in the world championships. But the British team lodged a further protest after the Canadian world record-holder Alex Baumann had an initial disqualification overturned by the chief referee in the heats of the 400 metres individual medley.

Moorhouse, a European and Commonwealth gold medal winner, was disqualified for a faulty turn in the 100 metres breaststroke final in which he romped home first on Sunday.

Baumann, already hampered by an upset stomach that had severely restricted his training schedule, finished second in his heat in a time more than nine seconds outside his world record. His time of 4:26.42 was just enough to give him a place in the final. But minutes after Baumann left the pool, officials announced he had been disqualified for an illegal

touch on the breaststroke leg. Baumann was judged to have touched with only one hand at the turn from breaststroke into the final freestyle leg but the chief referee annulled the disqualification after studying a video-tape of the race. The decision gave the Canadian a place in the final.

Moorhouse was disqualified by the turn judge for an illegal dolphin kick at the turn. Britain suffered a second disqualification when Gary Binfield was judged to have also used an illegal dolphin butterfly kick in a 400 metres medley heat.

The officiating Swimming Commission declined the British team manager Gerry Thain's request to view film taken by an American television company, saying it was "not a device used in accordance with the rules relating to the automatic officiating equipment." The Canadian coach, Paul Bergen, referring to the Baumann case, said FINA rules did not require the referee to study a video-tape of the race. The

FINA Bureau, the Federation's management committee, rejected the British team's appeal against the Swimming Commission decision. The FINA Bureau said it could not accept an appeal relating to what it called a "factual decision" of judging. This ruling prompted Thain to submit a further protest when Baumann was reinstated after his initial disqualification had been announced and shown on the electronic results board.

"In the case of Moorhouse, this rule was given as reason for the disqualification standing. In the case of Baumann, it appears not to have been applied," Thain declared. Coach Terry Denison said Moorhouse felt he turned in his normal way and did nothing different from other occasions. He said: "What do I need to do next time I swim so as not to be disqualified? I believe I've done my normal turn. I have never been disqualified or even warned by judges before."

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### YACHTING

## Bond saves American challenger

Fremantle, Australia (Reuters)—Sail America's syndicate led by Dennis Conner which is heading the US challenge for the America's Cup, put its two yachts into Fremantle harbour for the first time yesterday - and one promptly ran aground while being towed to the team's headquarters.

Conner's rival Australian syndicate, which is led by Alan Bond, came to the rescue by towing one boat away while the Sail America tender freed the stricken yacht. Conner kept the cup in Bond's Australia II, skippered by John Bertrand, off Newport in 1983, breaking the New York Yacht Club's 132-year hold over the event.

Now racing for the San Diego Yacht Club, Conner, who is due in Australia on August 29, has been testing five yachts off Hawaii for more than a year. Only the newest, Stars and Stripes 87, and the slightly older Stars and Stripes 85 were taken to Fremantle.

Also landed yesterday were the Newport Harbour Yacht Club's Eagle, and the Canadian challenger, Canada II. Unlike Canada II and Eagle, the Conner yachts' keels were shrouded in covers which have become almost mandatory since Australia II surprised the yachting world when it invented a radical winged-keel after its cup win.

But the Sail America project manager, Sandy Parrott, had an ominous-sounding warning for any potential spars: "We are going to ask that people consider our work, and try to keep a safe distance. We'd hate to have someone come out there and get hurt if they were a little too close to the action."

### SPORT IN BRIEF

## Power of Tyson

Mike Tyson recorded his 24th victory inside the distance in 26 bouts when he stopped Jose Ribalta in Atlantic City on Sunday night - the undefeated heavyweight flooring his opponent in the tenth and final round.

Tyson, aged 20, and ranked No 1 by the WBA, may now fight Trevor Berbick, the champion, or Larry Holmes, the IBF champion, and still has 11 months to beat Floyd Patterson's record as the youngest champion. Ribalta, ranked seventh, was no match for Tyson, going to the canvas in the second and eighth rounds before Rudy Battle, the referee, stopped the fight in the final round to save Ribalta from further punishment.

### Evans move

West Bromwich Albion have paid Wimbledon £60,000 for Stuart Evans and swapped Jimmy Nicholl for Bobby Williamson from Queen's Park Rangers. Both will play in a pre-season match at Walsall tonight.

## Bradley's best

Pat Bradley fired the best round of her 12-year career yesterday - a nine-under-par 63 - to come from eight strokes behind to capture the \$240,000 (£160,000) LPGA world championship of golf at Buford, two strokes ahead of Nancy Lopez and Betsy King on 281.

### Hearn's bait

Tommy Hearn has challenged the winner of the all-British world light-heavyweight title bout between the champion, Dennis Andries, and Tony Sibson at Alexandra Palace on September 10. Frank Warren, the London promoter, says he has been approached by a representative of the American world light-middleweight champion for a co-starring in England in December.

## Irish smiles

Flamengo, the Brazilian former world club champions, will play Linfield, the Irish league winners, at Windsor Park, Belfast tonight to celebrate the Linfield's centenary.

### Racing time

Middlesbrough, still desperately short of cash, are racing against time to be given permission to play Manchester United tomorrow night at Ayresome Park. "We are keen to help any struggling club," said Ron Atkinson, the United manager, "but they need clearance to play or train at their ground."

## Everdon ride for Princess Anne

Princess Anne, who was busy helping her husband, Captain Mark Phillips, run their own horse trials at Gatcombe Park last weekend, returns to the saddle today for the Carter Jonas Everdon Horse Trials in Northamptonshire.

It will be her fourth outing on the unregally named Tod, a nine-year-old gelding by Royal Clipper, with whom she is forming an increasingly successful partnership. A fall in the intermediate section at Heckfield, their first outing, was followed by a good round at Holker Hall in Cumbria last month, and then by a fine clear at Dautney a fortnight ago.

The horse's former rider, Jon Evans, now in his third year with the Range Rover team at Gatcombe Park, will be competing with the eight-year-old Great Attraction, bought in May, in the second intermediate section today.

Princess Anne, now in his 26th year, has long been popular with riders because it is a challenging but inviting course. Run over old turf, it provides an ideal testing ground for novice and intermediate horses. Mark Todd, New Zealand's Olympic gold medal winner, liked what he saw on his first visit last year, and returns today with two novice rides, the six-year-old Comet Venture, who won at Dautney, and the five-year-old New Zealand-bred Bahua, whom he bought from Andrew Nicholson two weeks ago.

Among the other international riders competing on young horses are Richard Walker (Story Teller II), Robert Lemax (The Harvestermaster), Lorna Clarke (Feathly Mor), Angela & Michael Tucker (Red Riddiger) and What A Surprise), and Nigel Taylor (Poet's Perfection & Formidable).

## Hunt still in pursuit in spite of her fall

Rachel Hunt and Friday Fox head the list of six riders from which the team of four for this month's young riders' European championships will be chosen (Jenny MacArthur writes). Miss Hunt's fall at the water with Friday Fox in the final trial at Gatcombe Park on Sunday was treated as an unlucky mishap by the selectors, whose confidence in her and her coloured mare has been well rewarded over the years.

They brought home the individual bronze medal from the 1984 European championships and were in the team that won the gold medal in France last year when they were fourth individually.

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### HORSE TRIALS

## Everdon ride for Princess Anne

Princess Anne, who was busy helping her husband, Captain Mark Phillips, run their own horse trials at Gatcombe Park last weekend, returns to the saddle today for the Carter Jonas Everdon Horse Trials in Northamptonshire.

It will be her fourth outing on the unregally named Tod, a nine-year-old gelding by Royal Clipper, with whom she is forming an increasingly successful partnership. A fall in the intermediate section at Heckfield, their first outing, was followed by a good round at Holker Hall in Cumbria last month, and then by a fine clear at Dautney a fortnight ago.

The horse's former rider, Jon Evans, now in his third year with the Range Rover team at Gatcombe Park, will be competing with the eight-year-old Great Attraction, bought in May, in the second intermediate section today.

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